

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Jesse Garrett, Chris Shurrum, John Ridlington, Shellee Haynes, Cliff King and Michael Weatherman.

STAFF

Staff - Dave Willey, Phil Adams, LeAnne Sanders, Brandon Hoover, Brian Heimbigner and Raena Hallam.

Guests -Chris Radar

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

As there were no Announcements and Mail Received, City Council moved on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - SET AD VALOREM AND PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Mayor Jesse Garrett opened the Public Hearing to discuss and set Ad Valorem and property tax levies for fiscal year 2025.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she received the numbers from the Stevens County Assessor. Raena further explained the ordinances are ready to be adopted. She stated it is required to either adopt or deny the ordinances by November 30, 2024.

Mayor Jesse Garrett opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:03 p.m. No Public Comment was presented. The Public Hearing was closed for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 15, 2024 AND OCTOBER VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member John Ridlington seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated the department had 2 runs including a fire in the shop class at the High School. There was no significant damage. The department has been busy with driver training.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the leaf pickup went very well. Not as many participated this year.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the City Hall roof had a new leak and D&D Construction came and fixed it. Dave expressed his concerns about the longevity of the roof and placing heat tape on it for winter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover reviewed the police department call sheet with City Council

Police Chief Brandon Hoover introduced new Police Officer Brian Heimbigner. Officer Heimbigner was working in Ferry County and lives just outside of Kettle Falls.

City Council welcomed Officer Heimbigner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council Member John Ridlington stated the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held December 7th. He also reported the new Kettle Falls Chamber President is Mike Eakins.

NEW BUSINESS

LOW INCOME SENIOR UTILITY DISCOUNT

Mayor Garrett discussed increasing the threshold for utility discount to 110% or 120% of the federal poverty level.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated there are only 3 applicants that have qualified for the discount based on their income.

Council Member John Ridlington stated he wasn't in favor of increasing the income threshold. The City still needs to balance the budget.

Mayor Garrett stated it's a balancing act.

After discussion, Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she would have the numbers for increasing the income threshold by 110% or 120% for City Council review.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1830 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.050 SETTING FORTH THE WATER HOOKUP APPLICATION AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Council Member Cliff King made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1830 - An ordinance amending Kettle Falls Municipal Code Section 13.04.050 setting forth the water hookup application and installation requirements by title only. Council Member John Ridlington seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1831 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1831 - An ordinance fixing the amount to be raised by Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2025 by title only. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1832 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1832 - An ordinance levying taxes to raise revenue necessary to defray expenses and expenditures of the City of Kettle Falls, Washington for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, by title only. Council Member John Ridlington seconded

the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

2025 BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam asked if City Council would like to schedule a budget workshop to further review the draft 2025 budget. The consensus of the council was that a budget workshop was not necessary. Raena stated the first public hearing for the 2025 budget is scheduled for November 19, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there was no Public Comment, City Council moved on to Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer