

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Jesse Garrett, John Ridlington, Dale Drake, Chris Shurrum and Michael Weatherman. Wayne Wardlow was absent.

Council Member Dale Drake made a motion to excuse Council Member Wayne Wardlow from the meeting. Council member John Ridlington seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

STAFF

Staff - Raena Hallam, Logan Worley, Dave Willey, Phil Adams, Michael Gettys and Larry Kulesza.

Guests - Gabriel Gaul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

Mayor Jesse Garrett announced there would be an Executive Session at the end of the City Council meeting under the guidelines of RCW 42.30.110 (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

HAPPY DELL PARK RENTAL - NORTHEAST WASHINGTON PERMACULTURE GUILD

Mr. Gabriel Gaul stated he would like to rent the stage area in Happy Dell Park on May 27, 2023. He is willing to collect and haul the garbage from the event and doesn't want to pay for a dumpster. He asked City Council to waive the dumpster requirement and fees.

After discussion, City Council stated he needed to have a minimum of a 2 yard dumpster. City Hall staff will check the pricing and contact Mr. Gaul.

CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 7, 2023

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported they pulled well #2 pump and found holes in the pipe. Tomorrow Specialty Pump will return to camera the well to see if the screen is any good. Dave explained this could be very costly and the radio read meters may need to be placed on hold for now.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the garbage truck is still in the shop so they created a temporary water truck out of the 1 ton truck.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the department started installing preapproved water meters yesterday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams reported they had three fire calls since the last meeting. Two false alarms and a chimney fire. He stated the department has been doing a lot of training.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Michael Gettys stated the police department has received about 30 calls since the last meeting. They have seen an increase in domestic violence cases recently.

Police Chief Michael Gettys reported Officer Sean Kelly will be having surgery next Wednesday. Depending what they find will determine how long he will be off duty. He anticipates up to six weeks.

KETTLE FALLS PLANNING

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza reviewed his staff report with the City Council:

Report from Kettle Falls Planning to the City Council 23-05

March 21, 2023

The March 13th Planning Commission meeting:

- *The commissioners conducted a Pre-Application Conference with the Friends of the Library for their proposal to build a six-foot fence with a two-foot lattice screen in the rear and side yards of the city library.*
- *After reviewing the Preliminary Finding of Fact which indicated the code did not allow a fence taller than six feet, the commissioners considered the **Landscape Screening** (17.03.020) section of the code which stated that screening was required between commercial and residential uses. The commissioners decided that the proposal met the standard for Landscape Screening.*
- *The commissioners then concluded that a **Variance** (17.05.040) was not required and that the Friends of the Library would only need a building permit for their project.*
- *A Finding of Fact will be prepared to explain the Planning Commission's reasoning for their conclusion.*
- *The confusion in the sections of the ordinance was noted and Mayor Garrett suggested that we include updating the **Fences** (17.03.070) section of the ordinance in our Title 17 patch.*

Other Matters of interest:

- *A Water Rate Study Meeting is being scheduled for the beginning of April pending participant's availability. Current progress would best be reported by public works and city staff as those are the departments providing the information to RCAC.*
- *Barry and Shelley Bacon are hosting a Housing Summit meeting from 6 to 8 pm at the Eagles in Colville. This is a follow up meeting to discuss Hope Street's plans to combat homelessness.*
- *KF youth baseball is expecting about 30 ballplayers when practice starts next week, weather permitting.*

Larry Kulesza

Contract Planning Assistant

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL SOUND SYSTEM

Mayor Jesse Garrett reviewed a quote from House of Music for a microphone system for the City Council meetings.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he would like to see a podium for people addressing the City Council to stand and make a formal presentation.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated it will be difficult for staff to answer their question if someone is already at the podium. It could be uncomfortable and time consuming if moving back and forth to the podium while a guest is speaking.

Council Member John Ridlington moved to approve spending ARPA Funds to purchase a microphone system from House of Music and a podium for City Council. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

NEW BUSINESS

As there was no New Business, City Council moved on to Old Business.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

HAPPY DELL PARK RENTAL - NORTHEAST WASHINGTON PERMACULTURE GUILD

Mr. Larry Kulesza stated Mr. Gaul wasn't clear on what he was willing to do regarding hauling garbage out for his event.

City Council discussed creating a \$200 deposit to cover garbage fees.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated a \$200 deposit is already in place and referred to the rental application. Raena explained it also states plus dumpster fees. She felt only charging him

the cost of the dumpster, application fee and key deposit was the cheaper option.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jesse Garrett announced the City Council would now enter into Executive Session under the guidelines of RCW 42.30.110 (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. The Executive Session will be approximately 15 minutes.

City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m..

City Council returned to the regular session at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer