

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 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, Michael Weatherman and Wayne Wardlow.

STAFF

Staff - Raena Hallam, Dave Willey, Phil Adams, Brandon Hoover and Larry Kulesza.

Guests - Josh Weatherman and Michael Olsen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

KETTLE FALLS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Mr. Michael Olsen, Superintendent reminded the City Council he had spoke with them about partnership with the Kettle Falls School District to fund a School Resource Officer. Mr. Olsen stated the school levy has passed and they now have the funding to possibly carry 70% of the cost. He further stated he would like the partnership to be with the City of Kettle Falls rather than another law enforcement agency.

After discussion, Mayor Garrett asked for a brief outline of the position. Mr. Olsen requested a breakdown of costs for a Kettle Falls Police Officer.

Mr. Josh Weatherman stated he strongly supports partnering with the City of Kettle Falls to provide a School Resource Officer in the Kettle Falls School District. He stated he would love to see more community outreach and the building of relationships in school.

CONSENT AGENDA

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2023

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Chris Shurrum seconded the

motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the department is busy ready meters for the first time this spring.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he was concerned about using ARPA Funds for Well #2 and not purchasing the radio read meters.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated he doesn't want to deplete the water fund reserves. He would like to see how much Well #2 will cost to repair before purchasing any radio read meters.

Mayor Jesse Garrett agreed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams reported one structure fire, 1 brush fire and 2 lift assists in the last couple weeks. He further stated the department was all done with the Red Card Refresher Course.

Council Member Dale Drake asked Fire Chief Phil Adams to provide a printout of calls to be distributed to the City Council.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza stated the regular Planning Commission meeting of April 10, 2023 was cancelled and rescheduled for April 24, 2023.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Planning Assistant Larry Kulesza stated he met with the City Council Utilities Committee to discuss utility taxes.

ARPA FUNDS

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam referred the City Council to a copy of Resolution 23/22-01C showing the amount of ARPA Funds spent.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the Planning Commission would like to have a joint workshop with the City Council to review the draft Housing Action Plan. This would be an informational workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Afterwards the Planning Commission would hold their regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the City Council would be asked to leave before their regular meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Brandon Hoover reported a lot of speeding on Old Kettle Road to Hwy 25.

Police Officer Brandon Hoover stated he is working Tuesday through Friday and he doesn't have a date when Officer Kelly can return to work.

Police Officer Brandon Hoover stated he strongly supports a partnership with the Kettle Falls School District to provide a School Resource Officer. He stated it would be a good opportunity for the city to improve communication and rebuild relationships throughout the community.

LIBRARY

Mayor Garrett stated Library Manager Katy Pike's report was included in the City Council packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL**

Council Member John Ridlington reported they will be pouring concrete for the swimming pool this week. He stated the plumber would be there on Monday. He stated if everything works right the pool will be open August, 2023.

Council Member John Ridlington stated he was contacted by someone in Chewelah asking questions about forming a park district to build a Parks & Recreation Center.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated he is teaching a lifeguard class and has two students. He stated he needs more lifeguards for the pool opening this summer.

LIBRARY

Council Member Chris Shurrum announced Thursday is Library Manager Katy Pike's last day.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY WEST ENGINEERING FOR KETTLE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTOR SIDEWALK PROJECT PHASE 1

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated this is the contract he has been waiting to see for the project to move forward.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion authorizing Mayor Garrett to sign the contract with Century West Engineering. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he would like more time to review.

After discussion Council Member John Ridlington revised his motion authorizing Mayor Garrett to sign the contract with Century West Engineering pending City Attorney approval. 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, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes.

ABSTENTION FROM CITY COUNCIL VOTE

Mayor Garrett stated he has some concerns regarding City Council voting on issues regarding the Kettle Falls Swimming Pool. He explained some of the Council Members hold offices on the Upper Columbia District Board and are members of the Friends of the Kettle Falls Pool.

City Attorney Logan Worley explained the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine and further stated since the Friends of the Kettle Falls Pool is a nonprofit there shouldn't be an issue as long as there nothing gained by the City Council Member.

Council Members John Ridlington and Wayne Wardlow stated they had no issue with abstaining when appropriate.

KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL - BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Council Member Wayne Wardlow moved to waive the building permit fee for the Kettle Falls Swimming Pool except for the \$6.50 state fee. Council Member Dale Drake seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Council Member Dale Drake - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - abstain, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Wayne Wardlow - yes.

READERBOARD

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated he researched purchasing a new reader board. He stated the digital boards are very expensive, but there are other options. He stated he looked at using 4 screens that can be put together.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow stated he also discussed different locations with Mayor Garrett such as City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer