

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF

Staff - Logan Worley, Dave Willey, Brandon Hoover and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Jody Emra, Matt Morkert, Grace Powell and Sherry Kaelber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - SET AD VALOREM AND PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to discuss and set Ad Valorem and property tax levies for fiscal year 2026.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she has not received the numbers from the Stevens County Assessor.

City Attorney Logan Worley 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.

UPPER COLUMBIA POOL DISTRICT

Sherry Kaelber stated the Kettle Falls pool did very well this year. New programs included Water Aerobics and Teen Night which were both very successful. There were 4,780 visitors, of which 1,394 were walk-ins. Mrs. Kaelber expressed her appreciation for the City's support and asked them to consider continuing that support in the 2026 budget year.

CONSENT AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH, OCTOBER 7TH BUDGET
WORKSHOP AND OCTOBER 7TH REGULAR MEETING**

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 Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover reviewed the police call log with City Council.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated there will not be a leaf pickup this year. The leaves have not fallen from the trees and snow is expected soon.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated they are starting to put the playground together to be placed this coming spring.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commissioner Jody Emra reported the planning commission reviewed a Conditional Use permit application for 535 Meyers Street. She further stated the planning commission is looking for volunteers to review the Climate Resiliency Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Cliff King reported 3 fire calls. One call was a mutual aid call with Fire District 13 and other two were setting up medical helicopter landing zones.

NEW BUSINESS**CE&C COMMUNITY ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING**

Matt Morkert, P.E. introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to working with the City of Kettle Falls. He stated he intends to provide monthly reports and attend a Council meeting every other month, if not every month.

Mayor Jesse Garrett thanked Mr. Morkert for coming and expressed his appreciation of having an engineer that will maintain personal contact with the city.

KETTLE FALLS ROTARY READER BOARD SIGN

Grace Powell, Rotary President, stated all the funding has been obtained to purchase the reader board sign. To purchase the sign the City will need to enter into an agreement with the Kettle Falls Rotary. She explained once the sign is ordered it will take up to 14 weeks for delivery.

Council Member Cliff King made a motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Kettle Falls Rotary Club. 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 Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1845 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2026

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1845 - An ordinance fixing the amount to be raised by Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2026 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. 1846 - 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, 2026

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1846 - 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, 2026, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she will not have a draft budget ready by the November 4th council meeting. The following Tuesday is a holiday, so she asked if council would be able to meet for a budget workshop on Wednesday, November 12th.

City Council stated they would be available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer