

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 2, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF**

Staff - Brandon Hoover, Logan Worley, Dave Willey, Mary Schultz and Larry Kulesza.

Guests - Jody Emra, Jennifer Thompson, Kevin and Lisa Wolfe and Sam Dimaggio.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING - ZONE CHANGE - 450 E. 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE.**

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to discuss the rezone of newly created Parcel A and Parcels #0330400 and #0330500 that consolidated with Parcel #0380325 to MFR (Multiple Family Residential District) - 450 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:02 p.m. No Public Comment was presented. The Public Hearing was closed for Public Comment at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Jesse Garrett explained how the lots are to be consolidated using the map provided.

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to approve the rezone of newly created Parcel A and Parcels #0330400 and #0330500 that consolidated with Parcel #0380325 to MFR (Multiple Family Residential District) - 450 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Council Member Clifford King 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA****MARCH VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL**

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Shellee Haynes 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.

**STAFF REPORTS****PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the rest of the materials for the roof at City Hall arrived yesterday, April 1, 2024.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the park bathrooms will be open tomorrow, April 3, 2024.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the leaf pick-up is scheduled for April 22, 2024.

**CITY HALL ROOF ARPA FUNDS**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the City Hall roof project was bid at \$48,000.00 dollars (forty-eight thousand dollars), however there was originally \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) available in the ARPA Fund for this project. He explained the paint around the building on the fascia has and still is peeling off. D & D Construction could repair the fascia at the same time as the roof for an additional \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars).

**AWC GRANT**

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated he applied for a grant through Association of Washington Cities (AWC), which the city was approved. He explained two of the flashing signs by the school are not working and one cost \$6,500.00 (sixty-five hundred dollars). He stated the Kettle Falls School will help with some of the cost.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to approve using the additional ARPA Funds to repair the fascia around City Hall. 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.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officer Brandon Hoover stated newly hired police officer Hunter McDanel was not able to attend tonight's meeting. He further stated officer Kendle Allen works on weekends, which the community seems to be happy with. He reported they have been busy during all hours from burglaries to traffic violations etc. He explained that Day Wireless has been at the Police Department working on the internet services and hopefully the radio in the new Tahoe will be installed this month.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Council Member Clifford King stated the Fire Department has been responding to CO2 alarms and burnt down a house on Meyers Street for training purposes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POOL**

Council Member John Ridlington stated grass has been planted next to the pool and thanked the city crew for watering it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 24-01 - SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP IN AWC**

Mayor Jesse Garrett read Resolution No. 24-01. He explained the Upper Columbia Pool District is requesting membership be granted effective May 1, 2024, for insurance coverage through Association of Washington Cities (AWC) but must be sponsored by a municipality.

Council Member John Ridlington stated the agreement between the Upper Columbia Pool District and the city states the Upper Columbia Pool District will be operating the pool for the city.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-01 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.

**STAFFING AT CITY HALL**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the staffing at City Hall has been shorthanded. He explained the city has hired Tamara to work in the office and was originally hired part-time, however with the work load he would like for her to go full-time with the possibility of going part-time later. He stated this may require a budget amendment.

**RESCHEDULE APRIL 16, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam will be out of the office until April 22, 2024, and would like to move the next City Council Meeting from April 16, 2024, to April 23, 2024.

Council Member Clifford King made a motion to reschedule the next City Council Meeting from April 16, 2024, to April 23, 2024. 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.

**OLD BUSINESS****UPPER COLUMBIA POOL DISTRICT/CITY OF KETTLE FALLS POOL AGREEMENT**

Council Member John Ridlington stated the draft of the agreement between the Upper Columbia Pool District and the City of Kettle Falls explains who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the pool.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the City Council needs to give authorization to sign the agreement.

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion giving Mayor Jesse Garrett authorization to sign the agreement between the Upper Columbia Pool District and the City of Kettle Falls with the changes. Council Member Chris Shurrum 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**DRUG BUST**

Officer Brandon Hoover stated Stevens County Sheriff's Department assisted with a drug bust. They were able to remove fentanyl from the home.

**HOMELESS AND SQUATTERS**

Officer Brandon Hoover reported the homeless man in the motor home behind the Police Department was moved to his own property in Kettle Falls.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated in a previous City Council meeting he suggested forming a volunteer community task force to address the subject but has not received any comments back yet.

Council Member Chris Shurrum stated Florida passed a law regarding squatters in houses.

City Attorney Logan Worley stated Washington has similar laws, however if the property owner allows someone in or on their property then that is when it becomes difficult to enforce them to leave.

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked if there should be an ordinance to be able to enforce the law.

Officer Brandon Hoover stated if there is no lease agreement and someone trespasses then he will ask them to leave.

**SIDEWALKS AND STREETS**

Mr. Sam Dimaggio, 625 Narcissus, Kettle Falls, asked if the sidewalk next to the Senior Center was on a list to get repaired.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated there is no funding for repairing sidewalks at this time but has not been forgotten.

Mr. Larry Kulesza asked Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey if the traffic lights can be adjusted. Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Approved:

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Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer