

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2025

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, Michael Weatherman and Cliff King. Chris Shurrum was absent.

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

STAFF

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

Guests - Brad Manke, Carrie Christman, Joe and Jodi Owens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

STEVENS COUNTY EMS SERVICES

Sheriff Brad Manke discussed with the Mayor and City Council the EMS Budget and need to create an EMS District.



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911 COORDINATOR DONNIE NIGG

July 1st, 2025

To whom it may concern:

The Stevens County Sheriff's Ambulance has been operating in the area since the 1970's at little to no cost to the taxpayers. Over the years this was accomplished by volunteers who received little to no compensation. The costs were covered by Medicare/Medicaid, insurance, and private pay. The costs of labor, equipment, services, etc. has outpaced the reimbursement that the ambulance service receives.

The Stevens County Commissioners are considering creating an EMS District in the northern part of Stevens County. This district would potentially include Colville, Kettle Falls, Northport, and Marcus within its district boundaries. The district would be created with the intent of asking the community for a voter approved property tax levy that would help fund the ambulance service. This is essentially the same way fire districts are funded and operated. RCW 36.32.480 requires a resolution from any municipality which wishes to be part of the EMS District to approve its inclusion.

Even if the EMS district is created and the cities approve inclusion, it does not guarantee that the voters will approve a levy. We are asking the City Council to consider their participation in the inclusion of an EMS. A representative of the County would like to provide a very short synopsis of the situation and answer question, then would ask the Councils to decide on the issue.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Brad Manke

RCW 36.32.480

Emergency medical service districts-Creation authorized-Composition of governing body.

(1) A county legislative authority may adopt an ordinance creating an emergency medical service district in all or a portion of the unincorporated area of the county and, pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, within the corporate limits of any city or town. The ordinance may only be adopted after a public hearing has been held on the creation of such a district and the county legislative authority makes a finding that it is in the public interest to create the district. An emergency medical service district shall be a quasi-municipal corporation and an independent taxing "authority" within the meaning of Article 7, Section 1, Washington State Constitution.

Emergency medical service districts shall also be "taxing authorities" within the meaning of Article 7, Section 2, Washington State Constitution. An emergency medical service district shall have the authority to provide emergency medical services.

(2) When any part of a proposed emergency medical service district includes an area within the corporate limits of a city or town, the governing body of the city or town shall approve the inclusion, and the county governing body shall maintain a certified copy of the resolution of approval before adopting an ordinance including the area.

(3) The members of the county legislative authority shall compose the governing body of any emergency medical service district which is created within the county: PROVIDED, That where an emergency medical service district includes an area within the corporate limits of a city or town, the emergency medical service district may be governed

as provided in an interlocal agreement adopted pursuant to chapter 39.34 RCW. The voters of an emergency medical service district must be registered voters residing within the service area.

[2000 c 31 s 1; 1979 ex.s. c 200 s 2.)

NOTES: Severability-1979 ex.s. c 200: See note following RCW 84.52.069. Levy for emergency medical care and services: RCW 84.52.069.

After discussion, Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to authorize the mayor to generate a letter stating the City would like to be a part of the proposed EMS District. Council Member Cliff seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

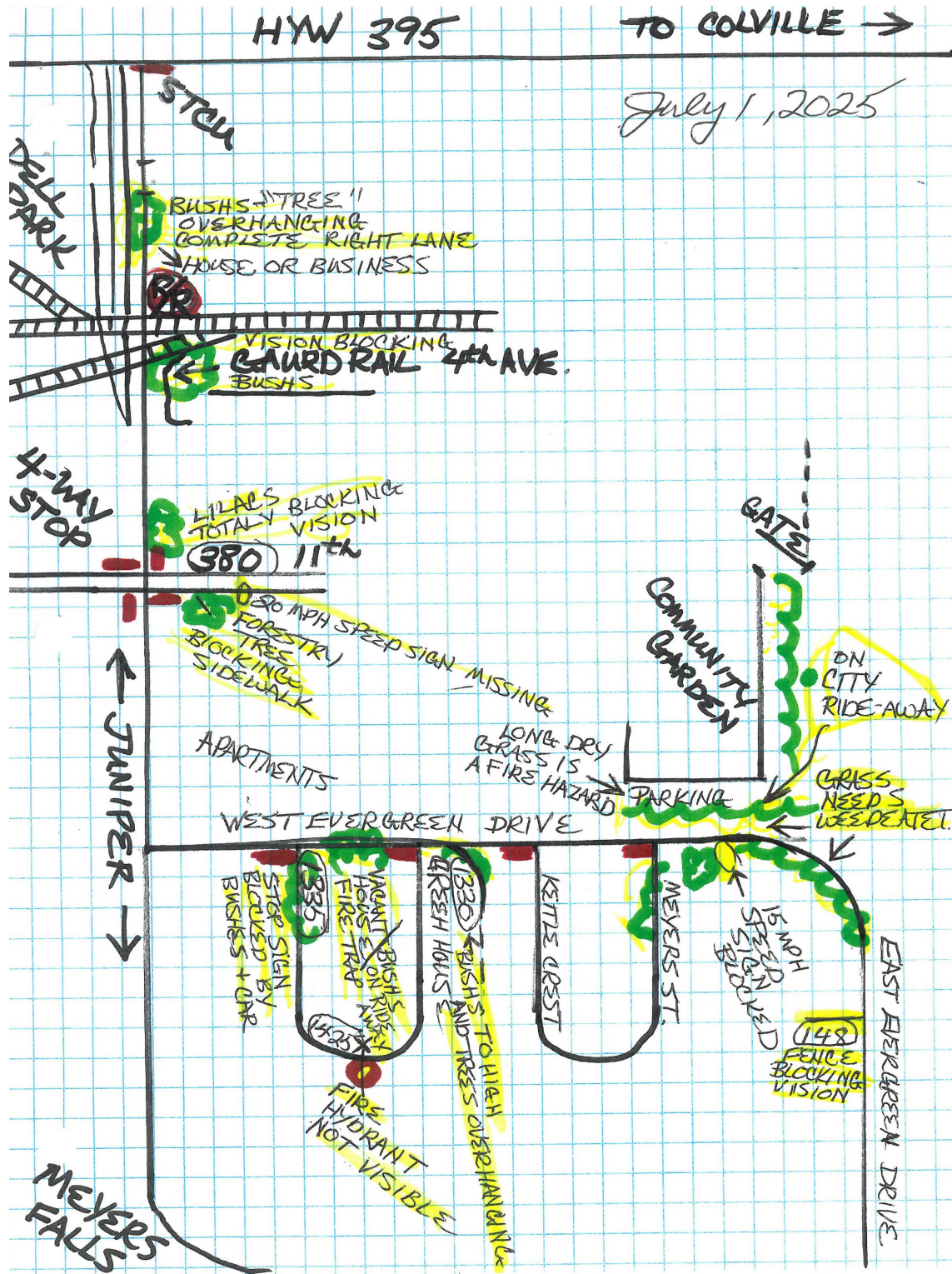
Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he met with the Pickleball Club, and they have asked to place wind screens on the West and South sides of the tennis courts. There will be no cost to the city and they will install and maintain.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he didn't have an issue with it and the City Council agreed.

THINGS THAT NEED ATTENTION

Ms. Carrie Christman stated she has lived in Kettle Falls for 6 to 8 years and she has noticed some things that need the city's attention. One issue is increased patrol on Evergreen for speeding.

Ms. Christmans distributed a map to the City Council depicting the issues she feels need addressed for the safety of our seniors and children. Ms. Christman reviewed her map with City Council.



Mayor Jesse Garrett thanked Ms. Christman for her insight and stated they would review her map.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 3, 2025 AND JUNE VOUCHERS AND PAYROL

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

STAFF REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover briefly reviewed the call out list. (copy on file).

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated the department participated in the Active Shooter Training held in Colville. He thanked Council Member Shellee Haynes for participating.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the VFD in well #2 is operational. It pumps 1200 gpm at 58 hertz.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported they have had several breakdowns including sprinkler systems, the side by side and golf cart.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the tennis courts will be blocked off during the 4th of July weekend.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey discussed hiring a professional tree service to remove a few dangerous trees around the Grey Eagle Water Reservoir.

CITY HALL

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated city hall has been advertising to fill two open positions. She explained Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mary Schultz will be resigning at the end of the month. Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Shailynn Elvin has accepted the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position and started today. Interviews for the Secretary/Clerk position will be held again in a couple weeks.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam asked City Council to consider purchasing a laptop computer for Mary when she leaves. The purpose would be for her to provide training via zoom. She would be on call for questions and assist us with utility billing at her current hourly rate plus \$100 for her internet and expenses. Raena stated it will be very difficult to train two staff members at the same time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SWIMMING POOL

Council Member John Ridlington stated the repairs to the pool were over \$60,000 which was under warranty. He stated the pool is open and swimming lessons start next week.

NEW BUSINESS

UNITED STATES 250TH BIRTHDAY (2026) - FIRE HYDRANT PROJECT

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he has been approached to allow the main core fire hydrants to be painted patriotic designs in celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated different colored fire hydrants have different meanings. Such as the flow rate for red is different than yellow etc.

Council Member Cliff King agreed and stated he would look into it. Council Member John Ridlington suggested instead of painting the fire hydrants use patriotic flags to mark the hydrants.

2027 GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT PERIODIC UPDATE GRANT

From Alicia Ayars <alicia.ayars@scjalliance.com>

Date Tue 6/10/2025 10:19 AM

To Isanders kettle-falls.com <Isanders@kettle-falls.com>; Mike Manning <mike.manning@scjalliance.com>

Hi LeAnne,

I wanted to share that I received a letter from the Washington Department of Commerce confirming that funding is now available to support Kettle Falls' 2027 Growth Management Act Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan.

The City has been allocated \$100,000 in non-competitive formula funding. The first \$50,000 will be available for reimbursement of eligible project costs incurred between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, with the remaining \$50,000 available the following year.

As with the Climate Plan grant, either Mike or I would be happy to help with the application if that would be useful. Applications are due by October 17, 2025, but Commerce has confirmed that eligible work can begin as early as July 1, 2025, even before the contract is finalized.

Let us know how you'd like to proceed.

Alicia

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion authorizing SCJ Alliance to submit an application for the 2027 Growth Management Act Periodic Update Grant. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

CITY HALL STAFFING

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion authorizing the purchase of a lap top computer for Mary Schultz to provide remote training. Council Member Shellee Haynes seconded the Motion motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

CITY VISION MAGAZINE

~~Ms. Tashan Kehoe, 320 W. 8th, stated she understands the City has the capability to host the City Council meetings via Zoom, allowing community members to participate in these meetings virtually.~~

~~Ms. Tashan Kehoe stated the tv on the wall was purchased with the COVID grant for that purpose and why it isn't being used accordingly. Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the purpose~~

~~was mainly for the Planning Commission. Council Member John Ridlington suggested to other Council Members to read the "City Vision" magazine. It has a few interesting articles.~~

~~Ms. Tashan Kehoe asked if someone could look into if the tv was purchased with COVID grant money. Mayor Garrett stated someone would look into it.~~

~~**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY OVER STATE OF WASHINGTON**~~

~~Council Member Chris Shurrum stated the state is adopting a lot of rules regarding Washington schools.~~

~~City Attorney Logan stated the City doesn't have any control over the schools. It would be a matter of contacting your State Representative.~~

~~Mayor Jesse Garrett stated unfortunately the state can't override federal government, but they can make it more restrictive.~~

~~After discussion, Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated he hasn't read the actual law Council Member Chris Shurrum is referring to, but if his department responds to a sexual assault at the school, he will notify the parents.~~

~~Planning Commissioner Nick Gourlie stated a couple years ago in other instances the State informed Washington schools if they didn't abide by the state laws, they would not receive funding.~~

~~**ADJOURNMENT**~~

~~Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 87:037 p.m.~~

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer