

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 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, Michael Weatherman, Cliff King and Shellee Haynes.

STAFF

Staff -Dave Willey, Logan Worley and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Larry Kulesza, Jody Emra and Tony Shephard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18TH, 2025 AND FIRST HALF DECEMBER VOUCHERS

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 John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the radios have been installed and they will return on Thursday to program the radios with the SCADA system.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Chair Jody Emra reported the planning commission held a public hearing regarding a conditional use permit at 535 S. Meyers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ROTARY CLUB

Council Member John Ridlington reported 125 people attended the Breakfast with Santa. He also reminded everyone that Rotary Bingo will be starting January 7th.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Jesse Garrett asked city council to contact himself or Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam if they would like to change Council Committees. Otherwise, he plans to keep the same appointments for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 OATHS OF OFFICE

City Attorney Logan Worley administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Mayor: Jesse Garrett
Council Position No. 1: Shellee Haynes
Council Position No. 2: John Ridlington
Council Position No. 3: Chris Shurrun
Council Position No. 4: Cliff King
Council Position No. 5: Michael Weatherman

2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he didn't hear from anyone wanting to change committees so he would like to keep them the same as last year.

Utilities Committee - Chris Shurrum, Mike Weatherman

Finance Committee - John Ridlington, Shellee Haynes

Police/Fire/Safety Committee - Mike Weatherman, Cliff King

Planning/Building/Streets - Michael Weatherman, Chris Shurrum

Community Enhancement - John Ridlington, Shellee Haynes

Labor Relations - Chris Shurrum, Cliff King

Library - Chris Shurrum

MAYOR PRO TEMP

Mayor Jesse Garrett asked for nominations for Mayor Pro-Temp.

Council Member John Ridlington nominated Council Member Shellee Haynes. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the nomination.

Council Member Shellee Haynes nominated Council Member Chris Shurrum. Council Member Cliff King seconded the nomination.

Mayor Jesse Garrett called for a vote:

In favor of Council Member Haynes: 4 ayes

In favor of Council Member Shurrum: 1 aye.

COMMUNITY ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING

Council Member John Ridlington moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Community Engineering and Consulting to work as our on-call engineering firm. Council Member Cliff King seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member

Council Member Cliff King moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the TIB Consultant Agreement with Community Engineering and Consulting. Council Member Shellee Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1833B - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1833

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Ordinance No. 1833B is ready to be adopted.

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1833B 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 Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1848 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER RATES FOR WATER USERS.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the 2026 budget does not include a water increase. The cost of parts and repairs has increased for some things, but not everything. When do we determine we have enough in the reserve?

Mr. Larry Kulesza, 530 Juniper, stated he has reviewed the water study and the 3rd quarter revenues. He has determined if revenues continue the current trend then the City will have a considerable excess in 5 years. Mr. Kulesza suggested waiting until the final 2025 numbers are available and then reviewing the utility rates.

Mr. Tony Shephard, 610 Meyers, agreed with Mr. Kulesza and asked City Council to wait for the final numbers and then review the rates.

After discussion, it was determined to table Ordinance No. 1848 until the final 2025 numbers are available and the Utilities Committee can review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer