

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Jesse Garrett, Chris Shurrun, John Ridlington, Shellee Haynes, and Cliff King. Michael Weatherman was absent.

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

STAFF

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

Guests - Tashan Kehoe, Levi Kavanaugh and Nick Gurlie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

GOATS - 8th AVENUE

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated Ms. Kehoe and Mr. Kavanaugh contacted city hall asking for a two-week extension to rehome their goats. Mayor Garrett stated he didn't have an issue allowing a two-week extension. The City Council indicated they didn't have an issue either.

INFORMATION CENTER FRONT DOOR

Council Member John Ridlington stated Chamber President Mike Eakins thanked the Public Works Department for replacing the glass in the front door of the Information Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 6th AND 20th, 2025 AND MAY VOUCHERS AND PAYROL

Council Member John Ridlington 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 Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the department is sweeping the streets in preparation for Town & Country Days.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated during the last wind storm a tree came down and damaged the fire alarm at the wastewater treatment facility. It will cost approximately \$4,200 to fix.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated they will start repairing the swimming pool June 9th.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated they will start installing the VFD at Well #2 next week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated they had five runs including a vehicle fire and a traffic accident. They also did hose testing and 5 failed due to age.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated they are scheduled for extra shifts for Town & Country Days.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commissioner Nick Gourlie reported the Planning Commission met on May 21, 2025. The Conditional Use permit for the tannery was approved. There is a Stevens County, County Wide Planning meeting next Tuesday if anyone wants to attend. They also modified their Bylaws which affected parts of the Kettle Falls Municipal Code.

He also stated Planning Commissioner Tammy Owens-Smith requested a 90-day leave of absence from the Planning Commission.

CLERK/TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported Tammy Owens-Smith resigned from her position last Thursday. The position will be advertised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked why the City has to publish notices in the Stateman Examiner. He expressed concerns about the publication requirements slowing down the process for things such as planning commission applications.

City Attorney Logan Worley stated he thought the City adopts the official newspaper and he believes it is a requirement to publish in a newspaper.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-06 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PERMIT FEES FOR EXCAVATION PERMITS.

Public Works Superintendent stated the Excavation Ordinance City Council adopted didn't have any fees attached. Dave stated he called around to other cities and suggests the proposed amounts.

Mayor Jesse Garrett clarified this is only for right of way obstruction, not for private property.

Council Member John Ridlington moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-06. Council Member Chris Shurrum seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING STATION EASEMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he will be signing the easement with Avista to install the electric vehicle charging station at Happy Dell Park. The zone change has been approved.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 1843 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KETTLE FALLS
MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.24 SECTION 8.24.020 REGARDING THE USE
AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS**

Council Member Cliff King made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1843 by title only. Council Member John Ridlington seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - no, Council Member Shellee Haynes - no, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Mayor Jesse Garrett - yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.

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 Gurlie 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 7:37 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer