

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 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, Cliff King and Michael Weatherman.

STAFF

Staff - Dave Willey, Brandon Hoover, LeAnne Sanders and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Jody Emra, Larry Kulesza, Mindy Courson, Makayla Brockman, Gene Brockman, Cassie Carstens, Levi Gleave and Levi Kavanaugh. Mike Manning with SCJ Alliance via telephone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - LINTON PROPERTY, EAST CITY LIMITS

Mike Manning, SCJ Alliance, reported the proposed annexation is for a little over 7 acres east of 6th street. The proposal has been reviewed by staff and Planning Commission. The proposal has also gone through a SEPA review with a determination of non-significance. Mike further stated city staff and the Planning Commission recommends approval.

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to Public Comment at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Larry Kulesza, 530 Juniper, stated he was a member of the Kettle Falls Planning Commission and a contract City Planner when this application was initially submitted. He stated he agrees with the Planning Commission's recommendation. He further explained at one time this property was annexed into the city, but subsequently deannexed. Annexing this property will give the City the opportunity to address the urgent housing needs of the community. It's also a good opportunity for the City to address the Urban Growth Area that has been in existence since 1997.

Council Member John Ridlington asked if there are any issues with utilities. Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey replied any development would be the responsibility of the developer to meet the City Engineer's specifications. There is a 10" and 6" water main in that area. Development requirements will be discussed at that time.

City Attorney Logan Worley closed the public hearing for public comment at 7:10 p.m.

FIREWORKS

Mr. Larry Kulesza, 530 Juniper, stated fireworks causing the problems are already illegal in the State of Washington. The problem is the city hasn't enforced the fireworks rules in a very long time. Years ago, the City did but now it has turned into a 4 day event at all hours of the morning and night. This creates a disposition upon the residents.

LINTON PROPERTY, EAST CITY LIMITS

Ms. Makayla Brockman stated they own the 5 acres next to the proposed annexed property. She stated that a lot of people want more housing is it possible to zone the proposed property for duplexes and/or multifamily housing?

Mayor Garrett stated the property will be zoned Single Family Residential when annexed. Any zone changes must go through the Kettle Falls Planning Commission process.

SEWER RATES

Ms. Cassie Carstens asked if \$90 is the cap for the sewer rate or is there a projected cap?

Mayor Garrett stated the City rates are projected to make up for the cost of inflation. He stated a sewer rate study has not been completed at this time. The sewer fund must be able to support itself for items such as replacement parts and equipment.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam explained when the wastewater treatment facility was initially built funding agencies recommended the rate to be \$90. However, City Council at that time raised the rate to approximately \$65 and then lowered the rate a year later. Then no rate increase was implemented for almost 10 years. This increase is making up for not having

incremental increases over the years. It is intended to perform a sewer rate study this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4 2025 AND FEBRUARY, 2025

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported approximately 15 meters have either been repaired or replaced due to freezing.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the City Hall roof had a leak and the company who installed it was very good and quick to fix it.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the sewer line between 8th and 10th has frequent issues, but there is not enough money in the budget to line the pipe. Therefore, the plan is to contact Triple A out of Spokane and have them rotor root the line. It is a band aid until enough money is available to line the line.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported Juniper Street will be blocked tomorrow between 8th and 9th for the homeowner to repair a sewer line under the street.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey plans to have a leaf pickup this spring. He would like to haul the leaves to the end of 5th Avenue as long as the citizens don't put trash in with the leaves. The leaves would not be bagged and picked up with a loader. He explained it costs too much to pay someone to open all of the bags. It's cheaper to haul the leaves to the landfill but can't haul on the highway unless they are bagged.

Ms. Brockman stated she is surprised graduates haven't volunteered to open bags to meet their community service requirements. Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey replied the students have to be supervised. He stated it's a great idea but unless an adult volunteers to supervise there is still a cost.

Mr. Brockman asked if a company donated their trailer, and labor can they receive a tax write-off?

City Attorney Logan Worley stated he wasn't sure, but didn't think so.

Council Member John Ridlington stated the Kettle Falls Pool had to become a 501C3 and the City is not a 501C3.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated there were several arrests this month. Outstanding warrants, domestic violence etc.

Police Chief Brandon Hoover has received new equipment but staff need training before they can use it.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chair Jody Emra stated the Linton annexation was a large part of the discussion during the last meeting. Also working on the definition for allowing a tannery in commercial and industrial zones. When it is finished, it will be presented to City Council

Planning Commission Chair, Jody Emra explained to install the EV charging stations the City will need to rezone Happy Dell Park. The planning commission is discussing rezoning it to commercial since it is currently zoned as residential.

Mayor Garrett stated yes, some of the issue is part of the park is city owned and the rest is owned by the Trousdale family.

FINANCIAL

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated all of the City Council members received an informational booklet from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). In the booklet were graphs of average revenues and expenditures for cities. Raena distributed a graph depicting how the City of Kettle Falls compared. (Copy of report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Cliff King reported the fire department responded to five calls including a chimney fire and vehicle fire. He further stated the department is training for wildfire season.

Mayor Garrett commended the Kettle Falls Fire Department; Kettle Falls Police Department and Kettle Falls Public Works department for their response to the train derailment.

KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Council Member John Ridlington reported the beautification committee approached the Kettle Falls Chamber about placing a decorative rock at the Kettle Falls post office.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS
ADOPTING POLICIES FOR THE USE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS
SHOOTING RANGE**

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-05. 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, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked if Resolution No. 25-05 will stop complaints. Police Chief Brandon Hoover replied no, but it does establish guidelines and gives the City more control of dates and times when shooting is allowed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1837 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KETTLE FALLS
MUNICIPAL CODE (KFMC) 8.04.050 GARBAGE/SANITATION RATE SCHEDULE.**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the increase amount is set by the contract with Sunshine Disposal and a public hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2025.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1837. Council Member Cliff King seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1838 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE (KFMC) 12.16 REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1838. 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, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1839 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON, ANNEXING PARCEL #0327071 TO THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF EXISTING CITY INDEBTEDNESS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BE EFFECTIVE.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1839. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

GOATS IN TOWN

Council Member Shellee Haynes reported the committee is still working on it and will have an update at the next City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer