

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 04, 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 and Cliff King. Shellee Haynes was absent.

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

STAFF

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

Guests - Margaret EVrolyk and Arlene Bradeen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

AWC RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES AWARD

Mayor Garrett announced City staff has received an award from AWC RMSA.

For Immediate Release

City of Kettle Falls earns Risk Management Award

The City of Kettle Falls was recognized at the AWC Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) Annual Meeting in Chelan for their hard work and dedication to proactively managing their risks, improving community safety, and contributing to lower insurance costs. Improving their liability claims experience over the past year earned them RMSA's Risk Management Achievement Award.

Utilizing excellent risk management practices is especially important in today's landscape of skyrocketing insurance premiums. Actively managing liability risks helps keep municipal operations running effectively, reduces overall costs, and promotes stronger, more resilient communities.

RMSA members share in the costs of coverage as part of a pool of local governments. Proactive risk management efforts benefit RMSA members by keeping loss experience low through increased community safety, which positively impacts costs and attracts more favorable insuring partners.

A program of the Association of Washington Cities, RMSA is a municipal risk pool protecting the employees, assets, and officials of 112 of Washington's cities, towns, and special purpose districts from property and liability risks and costs. RMSA strives to solve problems before they happen and protect its members' futures when they do.

Media contact:

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RMSA Program Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING – SET AD VALOREM AND PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to discuss and set Ad Valorem and property tax levies for fiscal year 2026.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she received the information from the Stevens County Assessor. Raena explained the ordinance has the updated numbers and is ready to be adopted.

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m. No Public Comment was presented. The Public Hearing was closed for Public Comment at 7:05 p.m.

NUISANCE PROPERTY – 640 KALMIA

Ms. Arllene Bradeen stated her niece is a neighbor to 640 Kalmia. She stated the property has garbage all over, it is a safety hazard and smells horrible. She stated someone is living in an RV with no septic facilities.

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated there was a fire recently at 640 Kalmia. It is a hazard property for the neighbors and firefighters.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the city is aware of the condition of the property and is currently working with the Dept. of Health and police department to proceed through the nuisance property process.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 2025 AND OCTOBER 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 Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

STAFF REPORTS

LEAF DROP

Mayor Jesse Garrett reported the City will be providing a leaf drop this fall for residents to drop off their leaves. No garbage or bags will be allowed. The drop point is located at the corner of 5th and Oak Street and will be monitored.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated the department is getting ready for the Annual Christmas tree lighting. He stated they gave candy to over 300 kids during the Halloween Trick or Treat.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover reviewed the police call log with City Council.

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated Officer McDanel is volunteering his time to fix the gun range. It is very much appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Cliff King reported 3 fire calls. One call was a mutual aid call with Fire District 13 and other two were setting up medical helicopter landing zones.

NEW BUSINESS

As there was no New Business presented City Council moved on to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1845 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2026

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1845 - An ordinance fixing the amount to be raised by Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2026 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 Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1846 - AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES TO RAISE REVENUE NECESSARY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Council Member Cliff King made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1846 - An ordinance levying taxes to raise revenue necessary to defray expenses and expenditures of the City of Kettle Falls, Washington for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, 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 and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

2026 BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated a budget workshop has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer