

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 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, Logan Worley and Raena Hallam.

Guests - Chris Radar and Joe and Jody Owens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

FIREWORKS

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam announced she had received a letter from Mr. Garman regarding fireworks.

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Kettle Falls Town Council
580 Meyers Street
PO BOX 457
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

RE: Consideration of fireworks ban in severe dry weather.

To the Town Council of Kettle Falls,

I am strongly urging the town council to implement a ban on fireworks this year, as we are anticipating a particularly dangerous fire season. We are currently witnessing devastating fires in the Midwest, endangering entire communities. While some may argue that a fireworks ban goes against American traditions, I believe it reflects a commitment to common sense and the safety of our beloved town of Kettle Falls and its residents.

Moreover, the rising costs of homeowners' insurance and the alarming trend of insurance companies canceling policies put our citizens at further risk. Delaying the enforcement of a fireworks ban could jeopardize residents' access to affordable homeowners' insurance and lead to significant financial strain. With fires already erupting within Stevens County, the urgency of this situation cannot be overstated. I implore you to take decisive action for the protection and well-being of our community without hesitation.

Respectfully,

Ivan Garman

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - GARBAGE RATES

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the garbage rate increase is per the City's contract with Sunshine Disposal. This year the increase is 2.45% based on CPI data.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 4 2025

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 the High School Sidewalk Connector project has finally started. He explained the City had to lift weight restrictions early to accommodate for the equipment and concrete. So far there has been one change order to create a drivable sidewalk in front of the apartments.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated Stevens County will be doing some crack sealing from the railroad tracks on Meyers Street, 11th Avenue to Juniper. Dave stated Juniper is slated to be chip sealed next year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams reported they had 4 calls including a chimney fire and a brush fire. Phil stated they would be performing hose test soon.

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked Fire Chief Phil Adams what he thought about fireworks. Chief Adams responded he loved fireworks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated there were a few calls including assisting Stevens County Sheriff's department with a DUI arrest.

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated the new radios arrived today.

CLERK/TREASURER

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she met with the Council Finance Committee and closed the year 2024 and balanced the bank statements for January and February.

LEAF PICKUP

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated there will be a leaf pickup the week of April 21, 2025. He stated this year the process will be the same as previous years, bagged and bundled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member Michael Weatherman reported the regular Planning Commission meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for March 31, 2025. The zoning text amendment public hearing will be held March 31, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to approve 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 (KPMC) 12.16 REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARKS AND
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to adopt 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 Cliff King made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1839. 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.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO THE KETTLE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he would like to appoint Ms. Tammy Owens-Smith to the Kettle Falls Planning Commission. Ms. Owens-Smith is currently employed with the City of Kettle Falls as Secretary/Clerk.

3/11/2025
Mayor Jesse Garrett
I am interested in joining
the Kettle Falls Planning Commission.
Tammy Owens-Smith

Council Member Cliff King made a motion to confirm the Mayors appointment of Tammy Owens-Smith to the Kettle Falls Planning Commission. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

GOATS IN TOWN

Council Member Shellee Haynes distributed a packet of information to the City Council regarding the keeping of goats in the City limits. (copy on file)

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer