

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Michael Weatherman and Cliff King.

STAFF

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

Guests - Sam Dimaggio, Nick Gourlie and Joe Owens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AWARD



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August 20, 2025

The Honorable Jessie Garrett
Mayor of Kettle Falls
PO Box 457
Kettle Falls, WA 99141

RE: 2024 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Awards

Dear Mayor Garrett:

Congratulations! The Kettle Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant is receiving the 2024 "Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance" award. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours was among the top wastewater treatment plant operations in 2024.

Ecology evaluates specific domestic wastewater treatment plant information for individual permit compliance. Your plant is one of the top performers for regularly meeting permit criteria, conducting monitoring, and reporting data.

This is the tenth consecutive year the Kettle Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant received this award. Ecology acknowledges the exceptional level of effort required to protect water quality and provide this critical service to the communities you serve. Dedicated and proficient operators are essential to successful plant operations and to protecting the health of Washington's waters.

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Kenning".

Jon Kenning, PhD.
Water Quality Program Manager

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Garrett stated an Executive Session would be held at the end of the meeting. It will be for approximately 10 minutes. RCW 42.30.110 Section (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

KETTLE FALLS SENIOR CENTER - SAM DIMAGGIO

Mr. Sam Dimaggio inquired about the status of the sidewalk along the Kettle Falls Senior Center. He explained it is very hazardous for the elderly and is concerned if and when it will be fixed.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated an application was submitted to the TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) for grant funding for the sidewalk. The City will not know if they received the grant until December 2025 for work to start to start in 2026.

Mayor Jesse Garrett assured Mr. Dimaggio the project hasn't been forgotten.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 19, 2025 AND AUGUST VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL

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

STAFF REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated the department is having a lot of trouble with vehicles in the department breaking down. He stated he is working on his budget request and will be taking into consideration repair and maintenance.

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated he has some leftover materials from building his home he wishes to use to fix the Police Dept. gun range.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated he purchased a small paint striper for the department, and it is working extremely well.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the department is starting to get ready for winter and will be blowing out sprinklers next week.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he would like to see the new playground equipment and the sprinkler system at City Hall installed this year. The priority at the moment is resealing the Gray Eagle Tank.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated both of those items are on the list for this year.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam asked City Council if they would be available for a budget workshop on September 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. It was a consensus of the City Council to hold a budget workshop on September 23rd.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commissioner Nick Gourlie stated the Planning Commission approved a lot line adjustment for 705 Ivy Street, 465 and 465 ½ W. 7th Avenue. There was discussion about the Stevens County Wide Planning updates. They are trying to update the plan so when the county approves building within the UGA the standards meet the City's standards.

Council Member John Ridlington stated that language has been there all along. Mayor Jesse Garrett stated he thinks with the new updates he thinks it will be adhered to much better. We can't change the past.

Planning Commissioner Nick Gourlie discussed the zoning code updates. Specifically, new language for Conditional Use Permits.

Planning Commissioner Nick Gourlie stated during the September 8th meeting the planning commission discussed the Parks Plan update. Reviewed priority list and revitalizing the Community Garden. Making more people aware it exists.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KETTLE FALLS SWIMMING POOL

Council Member John Ridlington reported that the Kettle Falls Swimming Pool had a very successful season and is now closed.

CHAMBER - HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

Council Member John Ridlington stated the next Chamber meeting is September 23, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - ENGINEERING

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated Matt Morkert, P.E., has left Century West Engineering and opened his own engineering firm, Community Engineering and Consulting (CE&E).

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated there have been many issues with Century West Engineering and he would like the City to consider contracting with CE&E for general Engineering Services.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Century West would still be the City's engineering for the High School Sidewalk Connector Project.

Council Member John Ridlington asked if the city should write a letter to our legislature regarding the slow progress Century West has made with the High School Sidewalk Connector Project.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the bottom line is that the City is not satisfied with Century West Engineering.

Council Member John Ridlington moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with CE&E Engineering and keep Century West Engineering as the engineer for the High School Connector Project. 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 Michael Weatherman - yes and Council Member Cliff King - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Garrett announced there would be an Executive Session. It will be for approximately 10 minutes. RCW 42.30.110 Section (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

City council returned to the regular City council meeting at 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer