

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2024**

**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, Cliff King and Michael Weatherman.

**STAFF**

Staff - Dave Willey and Raena Hallam.

Guests -Jody Emra, Levi Kavenaugh, Joe and Jody Owens.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

As there was no Public Comment, City Council moved on to the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 3, 2024 AND 1<sup>st</sup> HALF OF DECEMBER, 2024 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 Shurrun - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 2023 AUDIT**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported the WA State Auditors Office completed the state audit for the Public Development Authority for fiscal year 2023. There was no activity and Raena stated if anyone would like to review, she has a copy available.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reported the bid opening for the High School Sidewalk Connector project is scheduled for Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated there was a water main line break at the Kettle Falls Post Office. He stated it has been repaired but with the wet weather the area will stay spongy until it dries out.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Planning Commission Chair Jody Emra reported planning commission held a meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting they reviewed/discussed the following:

Annexation - Linton property  
Short Plat - Ben Leighton  
UGA Land swap  
Ivy Street Survey

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

Council Member John Ridlington stated the tree lighting celebration was excellent. He stated he is very proud of Kettle Falls.

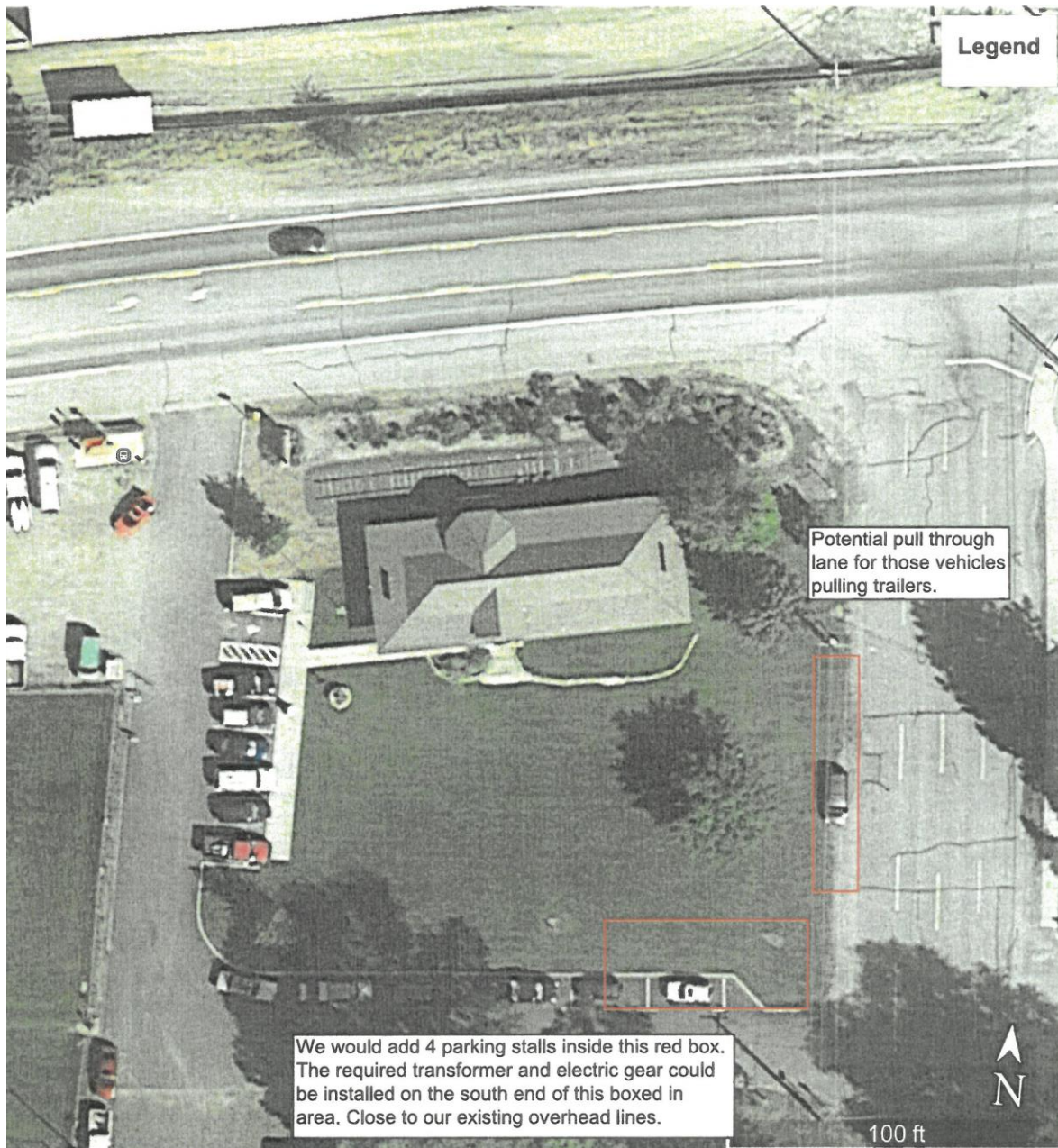
Mayor Jesse Garrett thanked all the volunteers and the City Public Works department for their hard work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EV CHARGING STATIONS**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated Avista is offering to install 5 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at Happy Dell Park at no cost to the City.

Mayor Garrett and Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey reviewed a map with City Council:



Mayor Garrett stated there will be a total of 5 spaces (depicted with red lines). Four regular EV spaces in the park just off Juniper and one long space along Juniper for larger vehicles pulling trailers etc.

Council Member Chris Shurrum expressed concern about losing parking spaces when parking is already difficult during ball games.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to authorize the Mayor to draft a commitment letter to Avista for EV charging stations. Council Member Cliff King seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - no, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-04 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WATER UTILITY BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Resolution No. 24-04 is the same as last year. Only the dates have changed.

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-04 by title only. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-05 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE CLERK/TREASURER.**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the proposed amount includes a 3.3% COLA increase which is the same as all other employees

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-05 by title only. 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.

**HIGH SCHOOL SIDEWALK CONNECTOR PROJECT - CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Mayor Jesse Garrett explained the contract with Century West Engineering will be expiring at the end of the year for the High School Sidewalk Connector Project. Since the project was delayed WSDOT is requiring the City to extend the contract until completion of the project.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to authorize the mayor to extend the contract with Century West Engineering for the High School Sidewalk 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 Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

#### **KEEPING OF GOATS INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS**

Mayor Jesse Garrett explained that the City sent a letter to the property located at 320 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue regarding the keeping of goats in their yard. This is a violation of the Kettle Falls Municipal Code 6.08.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated the property owners have submitted a petition including individuals inside and outside of town who support the keeping of goats inside the City limits. To allow the keeping of goats it will require changing the ordinance.

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated after the first of the year he would like a couple City Council Members to volunteer to look at the ordinance for keeping animals inside the City limits. The committee will then make a recommendation to City Council to either leave the ordinance as it is or make changes. In the meantime, he doesn't want to make the property owners remove their goats until something is decided.

Council Member Michael Weatherman moved to hold any action against the property located at 320 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue for six months or until the keeping of goat's issue is resolved, whichever comes first. 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**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1821B - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1821.**

Council Member John Ridlington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1821B by title only. 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, Council Member Cliff King - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON APPROVING FINAL EXPENDITURES OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA) FUNDS.**

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-03 by title only. 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:

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Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer