

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2024

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

Guests - Jody Emra, Mike Eakins, Chris Radar, Joe and Jodi Owens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - SET AD VALOREM AND PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

City Attorney Logan Worley opened the Public Hearing to discuss and set Ad Valorem and property tax levies for fiscal year 2025.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she has not received the numbers from the Stevens County Assessor. She anticipates having those numbers before the next City Council meeting. Raena further explained the ordinances are under New Business on the agenda and ready to be introduced. She stated it is required to either adopt or deny the ordinances by November 30, 2024.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2024

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Cliff King 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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated the department had 11 runs, mostly mutual aid for Fire District 3&8. He further stated the department sent a fire fighter crew to the Danville fire in Ferry County.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Brandon Hoover reported the call volume slowed down a bit and they are doing a lot of training.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chair Jody Emra reported the annexation preapplication meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Linton went very well.

Planning Commission Chair Jody Emra stated the Pickleball ladies attended the planning commission meeting requesting permission to place a sign on each entrance to the tennis court. The signs would state general rules for the tennis courts. Jody stated Planning Commission recommends approval of the signs.

Planning Commission Chair Jody Emra stated the pickleball club also wants to place a bench on the inside of the tennis court. The bench would have a memory plaque in honor of Joanie Holliday who was instrumental in creating the pickleball club. Jody stated the pickleball club would be returning to the next planning commission meeting.

Planning Commission Chair Jody Emra thanked the City Council for supporting the lights at Happy Dell Park project and having them fixed so promptly.

After discussion, Mayor Garrett directed Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey and Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam to schedule a meeting with Century West Engineering first thing in the morning to seek a funding extension so the project can be completed in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

As there were no Committee Reports, City Council moved on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS**ORDINANCE NO. 1830 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.04.050 SETTING FORTH THE WATER HOOKUP APPLICATION AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Garrett explained Ordinance NO. 1829 deleted some of the language for older water hookups that have not been installed. Ordinance #1830 places that language back into the Municipal Code.

Language removed by Ordinance No. 1829 is as follows:

- A. *As of June 1, 2022 no new Water hookups will be accepted until the extensive backlog of water applications can be addressed by the City. For all applications accepted by the City prior to June 1, 2022, the applicant shall have until December 31, 2022 to pay the water hookup fee under KFMC 13.04.240, plus recording costs to the city. If the applicant does not pay the water hookup fee before December 31, 2022, then the application/agreement will be terminated pursuant to this code section. Any applicant that pays the water hookup fee under KFMC 13.04.240 prior to December 31, 2022 must request a water hookup date prior to January 1, 2027. The City shall install these paid water hookups as weather, time, materials, and employee hours permit. If the City water hookup fee is amended by the City, then any additional hookup fee will be due upon request for the water hookup. If no request to hookup has been received by the City prior to January 1, 2027, then the application/agreement shall be terminated. After January 1, 2027, or an earlier date as approved by the City Council, this subsection of KFMC 13.04.050 shall end and Applications for service-hook-ups shall continue as this section or any amendments thereto provide.*

Language included in Ordinance No. 1830:

- A. Any applicant that has paid the water hookup fee under KFMC 13.04.240 prior to December 31, 2022 must request a water hookup date prior to January 1, 2027. The City shall install these paid water hookups as weather, time, materials, and employee hours permit. If the City water hookup fee is amended by the City, then any additional hookup fee will be due upon the Applicant's request for the water hookup. If no request to hookup has been received by the City prior to January 1, 2027, then the application/agreement shall be terminated. After January 1, 2027, or an earlier date as approved by the City Council, this subsection of KFMC 13.04.050 shall end and Applications for service-hook-ups shall continue as this section or any amendments thereto provide.

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked if the ordinance had an end date. Mayor Garrett stated the ordinance will always be in effect until City Council changes it. The ordinance states the property owner must request a water hookup date prior to January 1, 2027.

Mr. Mike Eakins asked how many water hookups will be affected. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer LeAnne Sanders stated about 50. LeAnne further explained the history of water hookups, the moratorium and now the city once again allowing water hookups out of town.

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1830 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 Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1831 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1831 - An ordinance fixing the amount to be raised by Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2025 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 Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1832 - 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, 2024

Council Member Cliff King made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1832 - 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, 2025, 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 Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER

Police Chief Brandon Hoover stated Mr. Brian Heimbigner has completed the civil service process. He had a very good background check and passed his psych evaluation and polygraph examination.

Mayor Garrett and Council Member Chris Shurrum both stated Mr. Heimbigner would be a very good fit for the police department.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brian Heimbigner to the Kettle Falls Police Dept. Council Member Chris Shurrum seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes, Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated a budget workshop will be held on October 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. She asked if City Council had any requests for the draft budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Mayor Garrett stated he seen a couple candidates running for office and he invited them to attend a city council meeting under Public Comment. He stated any candidates the City Council would like to invite would be welcome to attend a council meeting.

KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Mr. Mike Eakins stated the Kettle Falls Chamber is seeking a new Chamber President. He stated voting is currently taking place.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jesse Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approved:

Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer