

**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 02, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Jesse Garrett, Cliff King, Chris Shurrum, Shellee Haynes, Michael Weatherman and John Ridlington.

**STAFF**

Staff - Raena Hallam, Tammy Owens-Smith, Phil Adams and Logan Worley.

Guests - Keven Standerfer, Joe and Jodi Owens and Larry Kulezza.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated everyone has a letter in their packet regarding the open position on the Civil Service Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**KEVIN STANDERFER-REQUESTING INFORMATION ON WATER MORETORIUM**

Mr. Standerfer stated he owns two lots in Columbia Pines. When he purchased the properties, he was told Kettle Falls water was available. He built a home on one of the lots and was able to get public water. Once he applied for public water on the other lot, he was told there was a moratorium.

Mayor Garrett stated the moratorium is in effect while we conduct the water rate study. This water/sewer new connection fees review is the final portion of that study.

Mayor Garrett stated hopefully we can get this resolved quickly and get the moratorium lifted. This will be discussed further under New Business

Council Member John Ridlington suggested Mr. Standerfer talk with his neighbors about the ingress and egress in that area. There is no turnaround at the end of the loop for Fire Department trucks in case of a fire.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2024 AND JUNE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL**

Mayor Garrett stated council payroll had a mix up and their payroll checks were for two meetings in June but there was only one meeting, so if we have two meetings in July your check will only be reflective of one meeting.

Council Member Chris Shurrum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Shellee Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes and Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Phil Adams reported nine runs: some landing zones, vehicle accidents, and two false alarms. They participated in the active shooter training and will continue on-going training with the police department.

Fire Chief Phil Adams also stated it is getting dry out there and they are getting ready. The big truck was towed to Spokane for transmission repairs leaving one city truck available. Fireworks have not been banned in Kettle Falls and the department will be out on patrol.

**CITY HALL**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she is working 4 days a week through August.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated the state audit is wrapping up and almost complete.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she ordered new handhelds, and they will be here, programmed, and usable before the July billing. These were included in the current budget and due to issues with the older ones not being compatible with the new billing program.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated City Hall will be closed Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO KETTLE FALLS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mayor Garrett stated Ron Anderson has volunteered to serve on the Civil Service Commission. His history per the letter is quite knowledgeable in civil service and police matters.

Council Member John Ridlington made a motion to appoint Ron Anderson to the Civil Service Commission. Council Member Chris Shurrum seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes, Council Member Cliff King - yes, Council Member John Ridlington - yes, Council Member Chris Shurrum - yes and Council Member Shellee Haynes - yes.

#### **WATER/SEWER NEW CONNECTION FEES**

Mayor Jesse Garrett stated this is a proposal to increase the fees for initial water /sewer connections for your review.

Mayor Garrett stated he is not asking for approval but will draft an ordinance and introduce it at the next meeting.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated she is also going to propose we no longer do estimations in the winter. She suggested sending out a specific newsletter informing the public. Customers will continue paying the base rate and will be encouraged to pay a little extra during winter.

#### **NEW CITY COUNCIL TABLE**

Mayor Garrett referred to a picture of a meeting table in their packet. The tables at city hall were damaged in the fire and the city is looking to replace them with something that looks more official.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated they are waiting to hear from insurance but there is \$40,000.00 in the ARPA fund that would cover the cost of a new table.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TIB GRANT-SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT JUNIPER TO EVERGREEN**

Council Member Chris Shurrum asked for an update on the sidewalk project. Mayor Garrett stated he has signed the contract for the remainder of the grant funds and the project has been approved from Juniper to Evergreen all the way up to the driveway of the apartments. He expects the project to be completed by the end of summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Approved:

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Jesse Garrett, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Owens-Smith, Secretary/Clerk