**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor John Ridlington called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Michael Weatherman, John Andrew and Dale Drake. Wayne Wardlow and Jesse Garrett were absent.

Council Member Dale Drake moved to excuse Council Member Jesse Garrett and Council Member Wayne Wardlow from the Council Meeting. Council Member John Andrew seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Andrew – yes, Council Member Dale Drake – yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman - yes.

Council Member Dale Drake made a motion to allow Council Member Jesse Garrett to receive pay for tonight’s meeting as he is required to self-quarantine as he was exposed at a Mayors Meeting in Colville while filling in for Mayor John Ridlington. Council Member John Andrew second the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Andrew – yes, Council Member Dale Drake – yes and Council Member Michael Weatherman – yes.

**STAFF**

Staff – Raena Hallam, Phil Adams and Mary Schultz.
 **GUESTS**

Guests – Larry Kulesza, Shelly Adams and Nick Gourlie.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COVID GRANT FUNDS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS**

Mayor John Ridlington stated Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam and himself reviewed four Covid-19 grant applications for local businesses. He explained one application still needs reviewed.

Council Member Dale Drake asked how much of the Covid-19 grant money is left. Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam gave an estimation of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mayor John Ridlington proposed revisiting the amount requested by the Kettle Falls School District.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY TAXES**

Mayor John Ridlington discussed the 2021 Property Tax Levy and Ad Valorem Taxes.

Mayor John Ridlington opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. As there was no Public Comment, Mayor John Ridlington closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2020**

Council Member Michael Weatherman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member John Andrew seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member John Andrew – yes, Council Member Michael Weatherman – yes and Council Member Dale Drake - yes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE/FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Council Member Michael Weatherman stated Tim Montowski added him to the active 911 emergency page which will allow him to be notified of the Fire Department Meetings.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Phil Adams stated there was a house fire in Marcus that was a complete loss. He stated the Fire Department received two other calls, both for traffic control.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO THE KETTLE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Mr. Nick Gourlie has submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Kettle Falls Planning Commission.

Council Member Dale Drake made a motion to approve the Mayors appointment of Mr. Nick Gourlie to the Planning commission. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Michael Weatherman – yes, Council Member Dale Drake – yes and Council Member John Andrew – yes.

**JANITORIAL CONTRACT**

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated Mrs. Shelly Adams has applied for the janitorial contract position and feels she would be a great fit.

Council Member Dale Drake asked how much is that positions wage.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated it would be minimum wage, which is thirteen dollars and fifty cents ($13.50) per hour, until the first of the year.

Council Member Dale Drake remembered Ms. Marie Young making fourteen dollars ($14.00) per hour.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam stated yes, Ms. Marie Young was given a wage increase and Council can increase the wage if choose to.

Council Member Dale Drake made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the janitorial contract with Mrs. Shelly Adams at the wage of January 1, 2021. Council Member Michael Weatherman seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Michael Weatherman – yes, Council Member Dale Drake – yes and Council Member John Andrew – yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**HAPPY DELL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Larry Kulesza 530 Juniper, Kettle Falls, stated he was told that the new playground equipment for Happy Dell Park would be placed in the existing playground area. He requested a footprint of the design so the layout can be discussed and reconfigured so it can go in the existing area.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he was under the same impression.

Mayor John Ridlngton stated he would contact Mr. Ben Hedrickson with the Kettle Falls Rotary Club to get a footprint of the new playground equipment to see if it can be redesigned to fit.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he too would like to see a diagram of the new playground equipment and suggested that the construction be put on hold until Council can review the layout.

Mayor John Ridlington stated the new playground equipment has been discussed several times, however with any project there can be issues and if the layout can be solved then the project should move forward.

Mr. Kulesza stated the issue might be resolved by cutting the edges back five to six feet.

Council Member John Andrew stated it is imperative to recognize what happened with Apollo Solutions and Avista. He explained it is embarrassing that Council allowed those projects to go on like they did. Furthermore, it would be detrimental to move forward with the new playground equipment until there is a footprint presented.

Mayor John Ridlington stated the Kettle Falls Rotary Club has gone through the process for this project. Furthermore, he stated no one said that the new playground equipment would fit in the existing area during any of the meetings.

Mr. Kulesza stated the equipment can fit in the existing layout it just needs to be reconfigured that is why it is important to see the footprint.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor John Ridlington adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

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 Mary Schultz, Secretary/Clerk