**KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor John Ridlington called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**STAFF**

Staff – Raena Hallam, Dave Willey and Larry Kulesa.

Guests – Paul Dionne and Steve Wolfe.

**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**

As there was no Consent Agenda, City Council moved on to Committee Reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2022 BUDGET**

**GARBAGE SERVICES**

Paul Dionne introduced himself as the General Manager of Sunshine Disposal and Steve Wolfe as the Regional Manager.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey stated the City Council is considering contracting out the commercial garbage services. He hopes they can discuss with City Council the different options that would be available.

Mr. Steve Wolfe stated Sunshine Disposal drives through Kettle Falls every day on their way to the landfill. There are many options available such as larger containers, flexibility of picking up containers.

Mayor Ridlington asked if the city would be keeping our garbage dumpsters and truck. Mr. Wolfe stated that is all negotiable and yes the City can.

Council Member Dale Drake stated he didn’t want an introductory offer and then the cost goes up.

Mr. Wolfe stated usually contracts are for a five-year period and based on a CPI that everyone agrees to. Expenses are primarily fuel and labor.

Mr.Wolfe stated Sunshine Disposal is a family owned business for four generations.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow asked about employee retention. Mr. Paul Dionne stated they have 13-to-15-year veterans and a wave of 3 to 5 years employees also.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Willey asked if garbage services would be mandatory. Mr. Dionne stated they can comply with what the City ordinances require.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam asked about billing and communication between the billing departments.

Mr. Wolfe stated Sunshine Disposal can do the billing or the City can retain the billing. He stated as part of the process we would develop a reporting process which includes driver comments and pictures.

Council Member Jesse Garrett asked if senior/low-income discounts can be applied. Mr. Dionne stated yes, in accordance with the City’s ordinances.

Council Member Wayne Wardlow asked if they would offer a 30-day money back guarantee. Mr. Dionne stated Sunshine Disposal would have a lot of money invested in containers for 30 days.

Council Member Dale Drake stated the bottom line is pricing.

After discussion it was determined the Utilities Committee would review the rates, review other contracts Sunshine Disposal has with other cities and decide if they would like to negotiate a contract with Sunshine Disposal for commercial and/or residential garbage services.

2022 DRAFT BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam distributed a memo and a copy of the Mayors 2022 draft budget for City Council to take home to review. The next budget workshop will be November 30, 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor John Ridlington adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Approved:

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 Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer