

KETTLE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION

APRIL 8, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Planning Commission Chairperson Valerie Hall called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance included Larmie Edwards, Valerie Hall, Jessie Christopher and Yvonne Lawrence. Jeannie Thompson was absent.

Staff in attendance included David Keeley, Sherry Chambers, Council Member Ray Smith and Council Member Debbie Gaskin.

There were no guests in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

No mail was received.

City Planner David Keeley introduced new Planning Commission Member Yvonne Lawrence. She was appointed by Mayor Dorothy Slagle on April 2, 2013 to position number 1. Rauna Wilson, who was appointed to position number 1 on February 19, 2013, resigned on April 1, 2013.

City Planner David Keeley stated Jeanie Thompson was also appointed to the Planning Commission, position number 5, by Mayor Dorothy Slagle on March 19, 2013. She was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Member Jessie Christopher made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 regular Planning Commission meeting. Planning Commission Member Laramie Edwards seconded the motion.

Motion carried by all. Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards - yes, Planning Commission Member Jessie Christopher - yes and Planning Commission Member Yvonne Lawrence - yes.

OLD BUSINESS

REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE

City Planner David Keeley stated the suggestions given at the last meeting were added to the Revitalization Plan as project ideas. He asked Planning Commission Members to continue to gather input from the community.

NEW BUSINESS

STEVE VARNELL PROPERTY UPDATE

City Planner David Keeley stated the City met with Steve Varnell, Shawn Albert and several investors concerning the development of Steve Varnell's property. Varnell originally discussed putting in a housing development. He is now working with a Real Estate Investment Trust that has developed the Megafolia Paulownia, a patented tree that grows 32 feet per year. They are researching the possibility of building a small power plant that would attract industry to the area.

Planning Commission Member Jessie Christopher asked how it will affect the City.

City Planner David Keeley stated it will not bring in as much revenue for the City as a housing development, but it will create jobs.

PLANNING SHORT COURSE

City Planner David Keeley, gave each Planning Commission Member a binder containing Planning Commission Short Course training materials. Planning Commission Members reviewed and discussed "The Role of a Planning Commission Member," Section 17 of the Kettle Falls Municipal Code Book.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

As there was no Historic Preservation update, Planning Commission moved on to Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there was no Public Comment, Planning Commission moved on to Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Planning Commission Member Jessie Christopher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Planning Commission Member Laramie Edwards seconded the motion.

Motion carried by all. Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards - yes, Planning Commission Member Jessie Christopher - Yes and Planning Commission Member Yvonne Lawrence - yes.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Kettle Falls City Hall.

Approved:

Valerie Hall, Chairperson

Attest:

Sherry Chambers, Secretary/Clerk