

KETTLE FALLS PLANNING COMMISSION

August 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Planning Commission Chairperson Valerie Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance included Nathan Durbin, Larmie Edwards, Valerie Hall, Candy Slagle, Jeff Slagle and Louanne Atherley. Doll Linton arrived at 7:08 p.m. Laura Wilson was absent.

Staff in attendance included David Keeley, Raena Hallam, Council Member Ray Smith and Council Member Debbie Gaskin.

Guests in attendance included Jessie Christopher, Larry Kulesza and Sara Brown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

There were no announcements. An email was received from Planning Commission Member Louanne Atherley and will be discussed later in the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

AMMENDMENT TO THE KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL ZONING CODE TO ALLOW CHICKENS AND RABBITS IN THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) ZONE

City Planner Dave Keeley gave a brief Staff Report to the Planning Commission:

Staff Report

August 8, 2011

At the last meeting, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to City Council to amend the Animal Control Ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens and rabbits in the City of Kettle Falls.

On July 5th, the council held a public hearing and the amended ordinance was introduced. In the meantime, the city attorney felt that the proposed ordinance was unenforceable and did not offer any further advice.

At the July 19 city council meeting, two concerned citizens came to complain about a feral cat that had bitten someone and to complain about the city not enforcing their own Animal Control ordinance. In light of that discussion, the City Council

requested that the proposed ordinance for the keeping of chickens and rabbits go back to the Planning Commission for additional work.

Since other cities have regulations allowing chickens and rabbits, I knew there had to be a way to draft an ordinance that was enforceable. My research found that the larger city's like Spokane and Seattle handle this matter by amending their Zoning Code which makes it a Land Use issue and not an Animal Control issue.

I have taken an example of a zoning code from another large city and changed it to suit the recommendations made by the Planning Commission, City Council and our City Attorney. Please consider this ordinance to amend the City of Kettle Falls Zoning Code to allow the keeping of chickens and rabbits.

Planning Commission Chairman Val Hall opened the Public Hearing for comment at 7:03 p.m.

Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle stated he does not feel the slaughtering of chickens and rabbits should be prohibited.

Larry Kulesza stated the proposed ordinance is very complex and asked if the City would be able to actually enforce and follow the proposed ordinance. Mr. Kulesza specifically questioned who would be responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

City Planner Dave Keeley stated complaints would be received at City Hall instead of the Police Department. He stated he would not be chasing chickens, but would provide inspections and compliance issues and animal owners would be held accountable.

Mrs. Sarah Brown agreed with Mr. Keeley and stated similar ordinances work well in other municipalities.

Planning Commissioner Larmie Edwards stated animal owners should be allowed to remove the offspring within 90 days.

Mr. Kulesza stated he thinks there may be issues with neighbors seeing the animals being slaughtered.

Planning Commissioner Nathan Durbin stated the slaughtering could be done in the house or a garage.

Planning Commissioner Doll Linton asked what the big deal was, as a kid everyone chipped in and helped with the care of and slaughtering of animals as part of growing up.

As there was no further comment. Planning Commission Chairman Val Hall closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle made a motion to strike 17.03.18 (D) from proposed ordinance No. 1705. Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards seconded the motion.

Planning Commissioner Nathan Durbin stated he doesn't feel it should be completely stricken from the ordinance, but should state slaughtering should be done in the house or garage.

Motion carried. Planning Commission Member Nathan Durbin - no, Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards - yes, Planning Commission Member Candy Slagle - yes, Planning Commission Member Doll Linton - no, Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle - yes and Planning Commission Member Louanne Atherley - yes.

Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle made a motion to send draft ordinance no. 1705 to the Kettle Falls City Council with recommendation of approval. Planning Commission Member Nathan Durbin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Planning Commission Member Nathan Durbin - yes, Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards - yes, Planning Commission Member Candy Slagle - yes, Planning Commission Member Doll Linton - yes, Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle - yes and Planning Commission Member Louanne Atherley - yes.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards stated he would like to make a correction to the June 13, 2011 minutes. Larmie stated he voted no on the motion to present a recommendation to to City Council.

Planning Commission Member Nathan Durbin made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 regular Planning Commission Meeting with changes. Planning Commission Member

Jeff Slagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Planning Commission Member Nathan Durbin - yes, Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards - yes, Planning Commission Member Candy Slagle - yes, Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle - yes and Planning Commission Member Louanne Atherley - yes.

NEW BUSINESS

As there was no New Business, Planning Commission moved on to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

City Planner David Keeley reported he has been moving forward with the process to expand the Urban Growth Area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Planning Commission Member Louanne Atherley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Planning Commission Member Candy Slagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Planning Commission Member Nathan Durbin - yes, Planning Commission Member Larmie Edwards - yes, Planning Commission Member Doll Linton - yes, Planning Commission Member Candy Slagle - yes, Planning Commission Member Jeff Slagle - yes and Planning Commission Member Louanne Atherley - yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved:

Valerie Hall, Chairperson

Attest:

Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer