

Mayor Slagle asked if the majority of Elaine and Rae Courts was in the City or the County. City Planner Dave Keeley explained the Culd'sac turn around is in the County and the access to the Culd'sac is in the City.

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway doesn't recommend including Elaine and Rae Court because they don't have any city residents living on them. Stevens County states it will put a hardship on them, but they still have other roads in the area that they maintain.

Jesse Garrett asked if the City could annex the culd'sac turnaround without annexing the properties. City Superintendent Joel Gassaway he thought the City could but the City shouldn't pay to maintain a road that doesn't serve any City residences.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:06 p.m. No Public testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the Public Hearing to Public Comment at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE

City Planner Dave Keeley gave a staff report:

Staff Report: David Keeley, City Planner

January 18, 2011

Action: Designating and protecting Critical Areas.

Description: The Growth Management Act originated as a response to the problems fostered by uncoordinated and unplanned growth. The stated goals of the GMA indicate a concern to more efficiently regulate urban growth, reduce sprawl, increase the efficiency of transportation systems, maintain and enhance natural resource base industries, retain open space, protect the environment, and ensure the adequacy of public facilities and services.

To implement these goals the GMA directed each city to designate and to adopt development regulations protecting critical areas.

Critical Areas are defined as:

- Frequently flooded areas,
- Areas with critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water;
- Geologically hazardous areas,
- Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas and,
- Wetlands.

It is not the intent of this ordinance to deny reasonable use of private property, but to assure that development on or near critical areas is accomplished in a manner that is environmentally sensitive to the resources of the community.

The deadline to adopt a Critical Areas Ordinance was September 1, 1991, nearly 20 years ago. Why Kettle Falls did not adopt a Critical Areas Ordinance then, I don't know, but after two years of hard work, the Planning Commission has developed an ordinance that works well for Kettle Falls. The Planning Commission advertised several public meetings and a Public Hearing was held on August 9, 2010. With the potential for an increase of annexed lands, it is in the City's best interest to adopt a critical areas ordinance.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment at 7:13 p.m. No Public testimony was presented. Mayor Slagle closed the Public Hearing to Public Comment at 7:14 p.m.

AUSTIN ANDERSON - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Austin Anderson stated he has completed his Eagle Scout project of building Dugouts at Happy Dell Park. Austin provided pictures of the dugouts. City Council and the Mayor thanked Austin for his hard work and commended him for a job well done.

LIBRARY BOARD - MEREDITH YETTER

Library Manager Teah Chadderdon introduced Meredith Yetter to the City Council as a new member of the Kettle Falls Library Board. Everyone welcomed Meredith and thanked her for volunteering her time.

COMMUNITY GARDEN - TRACY VINING

Tracy Vining presented to City Council a proposal for a Community Garden. Tracy stated she would like to apply for a grant to obtain funding for the project.

Kettle Falls Middle School

Proposal #1

- Mrs. Rosen's 5th graders would like to grow plants for the whiskey barrels in the middle of Main Street. Can they have permission to do so? Do any of the barrels need to be replaced? Anything else???

Proposal #2

- Community Garden
 - Use lot behind Middle School
 - Write Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant (due Feb. 18)
 - Put up fence and drip line system for water
 - Steve Kroiss' 6th grade math students and Mr. Axtell's woodshop kids would partner to figure out measurements and do work, etc.
 - Students from Kenosha, WI will be here to help build and plant garden boxes
 - Anything else?

Tracy Vining
Lead Teacher
738-6725 ext. 303

Lisa Rosen
5th Grade Teacher
738-6725 ext. 323

Gary Axtell
Woodshop Teacher
738-6725 ext. 416

Steve Kroiss
5th/6th Grade Math
738-6725 ext. 322

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to support a community garden and apply for a Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant. Council Member Les Callas seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

KETTLE FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vice President Dave Hudson stated himself and his wife Vicki are the new President and Secretary of the Kettle Falls Chamber. Dave stated they are working on ideas to get the chamber more involved in the community by building memberships and an awareness within the community.

Mayor Slagle and the City Council thanked Mr. & Mrs. Hudson for volunteering their efforts to the Kettle Falls Chamber.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 23rd, 2011 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND SECOND HALF OF DECEMBER, 2010 VOUCHERS

Council Member Debbie Gaskin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STAFF REPORTS

RIVERVIEW LANE - WATER LINE BREAK

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway reported a broken line incident on Riverview Lane. Joel stated it is a 6" line and was caused by a tree located on private property. Joel stated he would like to speak with the property owners and obtain permission to remove the tree.

STEVENS COUNTY CONSERVANCY BOARD

City Superintendent Joel Gassaway stated he has submitted everything to the Stevens County Conservancy Board except a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Kettle Falls and Avista.

Joel stated he would like to have a Council Committee meeting as soon as possible and then meet with Avista the following week.

INCOME SURVEY - WASTEWATER FACILITIES PROJECT

City Planner Dave Keeley stated the Income Survey Report is complete and the median household income is \$25,000. Dave stated a copy will be submitted to the Dept. of Ecology.

Dave stated the Dept. of Ecology has signed the grant/loan contracts for the Wastewater Facility Project.

POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Scott Sterland introduced himself as the Kettle Falls Police Chief. Scott stated he has been here for two weeks and really enjoys it here.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR PRO-TEMP APPOINTMENT

Mayor Slagle nominated Council Member Les Callas for the Mayor Pro-Temp position for 2011.

Council Member Jesse Garret moved to appoint Council Member Les Callas as Mayor Pro-Temp for 2011. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - no, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION

Mayor Slagle stated Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam did a telephone poll of the City Council Members to confirm her appointment of Scott Sterland to the position of Kettle Falls Police Chief.

Clerk/Treasurer Raena Hallam reported she contacted all City Council Members on January 4, 2011 and all approved of the Mayors appointment except Council Member Krist Matthews.

Mayor Slagle stated on January 13, 2011 the Kettle Falls Civil Service Commission held a hearing to hear an appeal questioning Mr. Sterland's qualifications for the Police Chief position. The hearing was completed and the Civil Service Commission determined Mr. Sterland is qualified for the position

CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Mayor Slagle stated she would like to appoint Mr. Pat Monasmith to the position of City Attorney.

Council Member Krist Matthews moved to confirm the Mayors appointment of Mr. Pat Monasmith as Kettle Falls City Attorney. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 1704 - AN ORDINANCE CREATING KETTLE FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE 18.0 ENTITIES "CRITIICAL AREAS"

Council Member Jesse Garret moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1704 by title only. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

City Attorney Pat Monasmith introduced Ordinance No. 1704 by title only.

Ordinance No. 1704 - An ordinance creating Kettle Falls Municipal Code 18.0 Entities "Critical Areas".

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO 1700 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE KETTLE FALLS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, AND FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LYING CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS IN STEVENS COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

City Planner Dave Keeley stated this ordinance was introduced at a previous City Council meeting. Dave explained the draft now includes Mr. & Mrs. Owens property (Parcel #197300) and Morley Road. City Attorney asked if the legal descriptions were provided by Stevens County Title. Dave stated yes, they were provided by Ted Bronowski.

Council Member Jesse Garret moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1700 as amended to include parcel 197300. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Les Callas - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Krist Matthews - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Heather Stomley, Kettle Falls, stated there were a couple people in the audience that wanted to comment during the Public Hearing for the annexation. However, the Public Hearing was gone through so fast no one was able to make public comment. Heather stated she is opposed to the annexation but it doesn't matter much now.

Mayor Slagle stated it does matter and stated Mrs. Stomley had shared her views with the Kettle Falls Planning Commission and during the public hearing.

Heather stated the new applicant was not in attendance to make their presentation this evening. Heather stated the applicant's attendance has been minimal and the opinions of the people that live here and are impacted by the annexation have been ignored. Mayor Slagle stated their opinions haven't been ignored, the issue has been through the planning commission process, public hearings have been held and thinks everyone has had a chance to speak and ask questions. Heather stated she is opposed to the annexation of the Truscott property, Varnell property and Morley Road property.

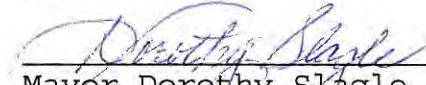
Dave Hillock stated he thought Mr. & Mrs. Owens opted out of the annexation. Mayor Slagle explained they had written a letter to the City expressing their interest to be included. Dave Keelry stated they signed a petition and mailed it back to the City. Mr. Hillock asked why Mr. & Mrs. Owens were not present at tonight's meeting. Mayor Slagle stated it was not necessary for them to attend. Mrs. Stomley stated it was important enough for those property owners to show up that are opposed to the annexation. It wasn't important enough for the applicants to show up to the meetings.

Mr. Hillock asked what kind of livestock Mr. & Mrs. Owens would be allowed to keep on their property. Mayor Slagle explained the animals are for 4H purposes for their children. Mayor Slagle stated she isn't sure what animals, but could be cows and/or pigs.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approved:



Mayor Dorothy Slagle

Attest:



Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

