

KETTLE FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 17, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dorothy Slagle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ray Smith, Jesse Garrett, Cris Haynes and Debbie Gaskin.

STAFF/GUESTS

Staff - Raena Hallam, Dave Keeley, John Ridlington, Scott Sterland and Charlie Schuerman.

Guests - Shawn Albert, Laurie Stoddard and Lisa Rosen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MAIL RECEIVED

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Slagle reviewed her new appointments to City Council Committees:

*Parks & Recreation Committee - Jesse Garrett - Debbie Gaskin*  
*Utilities Committee - Cris Haynes - Jesse Garrett*  
*Finance Committee - Cris Haynes - Ray Smith*  
*Police/Fire/Safety Committee - Jesse Garrett - Debbie Gaskin*  
*Library/Goodwill Committee - Cris Haynes - Ray Smith*  
*Planning/Community Development - Ray Smith - Debbie Gaskin*

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION PETITION FOR PARCEL #1925400

City Planner Dave Keeley presented his staff report:

July 17, 2012

**Description:** Annexation petition for Parcel #1925400

**Applicant:** Steve Varnell & Renae Oelke (husband & wife)

**Description:** Both applicants have petitioned the City to annex. The parcel is approximately 60 acres in size, located inside the Urban Growth Area and currently zoned Industrial, R-1 Residential and R-2 Residential with Stevens County. The parcel is currently undeveloped and has traditionally been used for growing alfalfa.

**Recommendation:** City Staff has reviewed the proposal with no comments. The proposed annexation is consistent with the intent and goals of the Kettle Falls Comprehensive Plan and meets the requirements and intent of the Kettle Falls City Unified Development Ordinance. Specifically,

Policy 3.3 Provide a variety of lot sizes within the urban growth area and encourage annexation of all lots within the UGA that receive City services; Policy 3.6 Ensure that new residential development provides the public facilities (public walkways, open space, and other neighborhood improvements) necessary to integrate them into the fabric of the community; Housing Element Goal 1 - Maintain the quality of life and community character of Kettle Falls by providing for projected growth in a consistent, responsible manner; Goal 2 - Create an adequate supply of housing by promoting a sufficient supply of land at a variety of residential densities, allowing for a range of housing types.

Stevens County zoned Parcel #1925400 with three different zones; Industrial, R-1 Residential and R-2 Residential. Since a single parcel cannot have multiple zones, the Planning Department recommends this parcel be zoned (SFR) Single Family Residential at the time of annexation. Any future divisions of property can be considered for a new zoning designation at the time of platting.

**Attachments:**

Petition for annexation, Comments by Staff, Stevens County Zoning Map, Kettle Falls Location Map

Shawn Albert thanked the Mayor and City Council on behalf of Mr. Varnell for considering his petition. Ms. Albert also offered to answer any questions or provide additional information if needed.

Mayor Slagle opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.. There was no public comment. Mayor Slagle closed the Hearing to public comment at 7:14 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 3, 2012 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

STAFF REPORT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Scott Sterland reported he mailed letters to 22 properties in Kettle Falls regarding non compliance with the nuisance ordinance. Of those 22 properties, 15 of them have responded.

Police Chief Scott Sterland also reported he is seeing a lot more drug activity in the City. The increase of drug activity generally brings with it an increase in crime. The last two weeks a lot of assaults have occurred.

Police Chief Scott Sterland stated he has had no recent complaints regarding the Gun Range. A new gate was installed and the rules have been distributed to all the other agencies that use the Gun Range.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Ridlington reported 5 firefighters attended a training in North Bend last week. John also stated there was a false alarm at the high school.

Fire Chief John Ridlington stated he would like City Council to consider amending the contract with Fire District #6, allowing the Fire Chief to cancel any meetings that are not required. John stated he didn't have any Agenda items for the Fire meeting, but according to the contract with Fire District #6 he was not allowed to cancel the meeting. So everyone showed up for nothing.

City Council stated they had no problem amending the contract and asked John to have Fire District #6 draft new language and present to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

AVISTA STREET LIGHT POLE

City Planner Dave Keeley stated NoaNet has requested to attached lines to a light pole located at the south east corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Meyers Street. The City owns this pole and it is not designed for any additional utility lines. Mr. Ed Owen of Avista recommends changing out the street light pole to a new 45ft wood pole. This would give ample room to attach a new light, Christmas light, communication and NoaNet attachments.

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to authorize City Planner Dave Keeley to contact Avista and allow them to exchange the metal pole for a wood pole. However, the metal pole will be retained by the City as City property. Council Member Debbie Gaskin seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1715 - 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 Ordinance No. 1715 is ready to be introduced, but he did make a correction adding the following:

*EXCEPT any portion located north of State Highway 395 and the Great Northern Railway.*

Council Member Jesse Garrett moved to introduce Ordinance No. 1715 by title only with the noted change. Council Member Ray Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by all. Council Member Ray Smith - yes, Council Member Jesse Garrett - yes, Council Member Cris Haynes - yes and Council Member Debbie Gaskin - yes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**WATERING FLOWERS**

Mayor Slagle addressed Lisa Rosen in the audience and explained she had spoke with City Superintendent Joel Gassaway earlier in the day. Mayor Slagle stated Joel will be looking at the clamps on the poles to see if the hangers for the flower baskets will be easy to move. If they are, then she is welcome to have them turned and lowered to make watering a little easier.

**NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

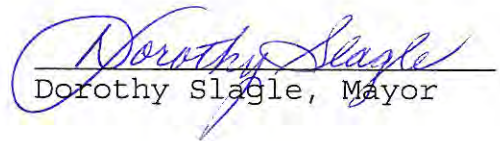
Mayor Slagle asked Laurie Stoddard in the audience if Police Chief Scott Sterland has tended to her issues with the nuisance

ordinance. Laurie responded yes, but inquired what happens after the 10 days if a property owner hasn't complied. Police Chief Scott Sterland stated last year the City had 100% compliance and expects the same this year. Ms. Stoddard stated she has been seeing people outside cleaning up their properties.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dorothy Slagle adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Approved:

  
Dorothy Slagle, Mayor

Attest:

  
Raena Hallam, Clerk/Treasurer

