

OSKALOOSA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
December 12, 2012

The Oskaloosa City Council met in special session on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Krutzfeldt presiding and the following members answering roll call: Caligiuri, Jimenez, Van Zetten, Ver Steeg, Walling and Yates. Council member Moore entered the meeting after approval of the agenda.

It was moved by Ver Steeg, seconded by Jimenez to approve the December 12, 2012 City Council Agenda. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Caligiuri, Jimenez, Van Zetten, Ver Steeg, Walling and Yates.

NAYS: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

Council member Moore entered the meeting.

Michael Schrock, City Manager, explained the timeline of events that led to the placement and subsequent removal of the nativity scene from the city square. Options outlined by the City Manager were to prohibit all displays on public property; to allow an open forum for any group to present; or for the city to erect a display that reflects a broad cultural presentation but does not endorse any religion so as to constitute a violation of the establishment clause of the 1st Amendment in accordance with applicable Supreme Court holdings.

The Mayor announced he would allow public comments until 5:30 p.m. Robert Leonard, 328 North 3rd; Liz Colton, 201 South 6th; Kim Mitrisin, 210 Northshore Drive; Aiyanna Looney, 1502 7th Avenue West; Amanda Birch, 1016 North I; Vicki Jones, 536 Springcreek Village; LaCinda Shilling, 317 North C; Larry Lewis, 2109 Edmundson Drive; Bill Tvedt, 222 South 9th; Luis Angel Islas, 201 Trueblood Avenue; Jason Alons, 319 North H; Bruce Thompson, 1149 Clearview Drive; and Richard Vogel, 403 21st Avenue West, addressed the Council regarding placement of a nativity in the city square park.

David Dixon, City Attorney, explained and addressed the applicable laws and Supreme Court holdings.

It was moved by Moore, seconded by Ver Steeg to approve displays that reflect a broad cultural presentation but does not endorse any religion so as to constitute a violation of the establishment clause of the 1st Amendment in accordance with applicable Supreme Court holdings.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Caligiuri, Jimenez, Moore, Van Zetten, Ver Steeg, Walling and Yates

NAYS: None

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion approved.

It was moved by Moore, seconded by Caligiuri that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

David Krutzfeldt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy Miller, City Clerk