

CITY OF OSKALOOSA
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2015

A regularly-scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, by Holden Barnhart, at 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Holden Barnhart, Pamela Blomgren, Wyndell Campbell, Dawn Collins (arrived at 4:32 p.m.) and R. D. Keep. COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Jensen and Sarah Tarbell. CITY STAFF PRESENT: Nathan Willey, Dylan Mulfinger and Marilyn Johannes. OTHERS PRESENT: Blaine Vos.

Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

It was moved by Blomgren, seconded by Campbell to approve the December 8, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. The vote was: YES – Barnhart, Blomgren, Campbell and Keep. No – None. Motion carried.

(Collins entered the meeting.)

Consider an Ordinance amending Oskaloosa City Code Chapter 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places by adding Section 12.46 Farmers' and Public Markets.

Mulfinger explained the benefit of farmers' and public markets to the community and explained the addition to the city code will create a formal process that allows markets on city property. Blomgren suggested that Section 12.46.090(2) include reference to the city code that deals with the process for closure of city streets for public events. Campbell said he would like to see a fee charged for the permit. Willey said there is a fee charged if a street is closed.

The commission asked staff why the application needed to be submitted 30 days prior to the first proposed date of the market and why each Farmers' Market is limited to no more than two days per week within a one year period. Mulfinger explained the time was needed because the request needs to be placed on a city council agenda for City Council approval and the two day limit is to allow other markets; besides an organizer could apply again for a different market.

Blaine Vos, 2346 Patriot Avenue, a vendor with the Farmers' Market, addressed the commission indicating he is in favor of the ordinance.

It was moved by Campbell, seconded by Blomgren to approve the ordinance with the addition of reference to the procedure to block off streets in the city code added to Section 12.46.090(2). The vote was: YES – Barnhart, Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, and Keep. No – None. Motion carried.

Consider an Ordinance amending Oskaloosa City Code Section 12.48 Miscellaneous Regulations to include Community Gardens.

Mulfinger explained that adding community gardens to the city code allows residents to use public property for community gardens through a permit process, and adding community gardens to the city code would ensure that community gardens are allowed on city-owned property in all zoning

districts. Campbell asked if there was a fee. Mulfinger said there is no fee involved. Blaine Vos, 2346 Patriot Avenue, addressed the commission indicating he is in favor of the ordinance. It was moved by Campbell, seconded by Barnhart, to approve the ordinance amending City Code Section 12.48 Miscellaneous Regulations to include Community Gardens. The vote was: YES – Barnhart, Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, and Keep. No – None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes by Marilyn Johannes