

CITY OF OSKALOOSA
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2015

A regularly-scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, by Pamela Blomgren, at 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Pamela Blomgren, Wyndell Campbell (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Dawn Collins, Andrew Jensen, R. D. Keep and Sarah Tarbell. COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Holden Barnhart. CITY STAFF PRESENT: Wyatt Russell and Marilyn Johannes. OTHERS PRESENT: None.

Minutes from the January 12, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Keep to approve the January 12, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. The vote was: YES – Blomgren, Collins, Jensen, Keep and Tarbell. No – None. Motion carried.

Consider vacation and sale of 134.25' X 16.5' of the north-south alley adjacent to 815 4th Avenue West.

Russell explained the owner (Shelton) of 815 4th Avenue West and M. Shrago & Son, Inc. (Shrago) have been in a dispute regarding upkeep of the fence owned by M. Shrago & Son, Inc. that is adjacent to the alley.

(Campbell arrived at 4:33 p.m.)

Russell told the committee the city had previously approved the alley vacation in 2005 but the quit claim deed was never paid for so the alley was not vacated at that time. Russell commented that Shelton has owned the property for approximately a year. Russell said Shrago will have the opportunity to purchase half of the alley if it is vacated.

Campbell said he is in favor of alley vacations and getting property on the tax rolls. It was moved by Campbell, seconded by Jensen to approve the vacation and sale of 134.25' X 16.5' of the north-south alley adjacent to 815 4th Avenue West. YES – Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, Jensen, Keep and Tarbell. NO – None. Motion carried.

Jensen asked that the committee add discussion of extraterritorial zoning to the next Planning and Zoning Commission agenda. Jensen said he wants to limit bad development within the area since the county does have zoning and the Iowa Code allows cities to regulate zoning two miles beyond the city limits. Jensen said he would send the portion of the Iowa Code dealing with extraterritorial zoning and a map depicting the two mile area to commission members for review before the next meeting.

Russell thanked the committee for their work on the ordinance amending the city code regarding non-conforming structures. He told the committee that City Council approved the ordinance in three readings with the third reading being on the consent agenda since there were no comments received. Russell said he would like to discuss zoning regarding non-conforming structures at the

next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Keep gave an update on dog park construction and fundraising.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Minutes by Marilyn Johannes