

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
OTTAWA, KANSAS  
Minutes of  
January 11, 2010**

The Governing Body met at 4 pm this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Jorgensen, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Ramsey, and Commissioner Fleer. Commissioner Reed was absent. A quorum was present.

Mayor Jorgensen called the meeting to order and asked for Public Comments.

**Public Comments**

None offered at this time.

**Proclamation-Kansas Day**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing Kansas Day and agreed to place this item on the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 20.

**Proclamation-Catholic Schools Week**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing Catholic Schools Week and agreed to place this item on a Regular Meeting Agenda (date to be determined).

**Hasty Awards-Tax Abatement**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird and Hasty Awards Representative Steve Hasty who reviewed the cost benefit analysis and tax abatement application for Hasty Awards. The application is for a ten-year, 100% abatement for the Hasty facility, which was recently located in the City's Industrial Park. The Administrative Review Committee met on January 7 and recommends this item be placed as a public hearing on the February 3 Regular Agenda. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place a public hearing on the February 3, 2010 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey expressed concerns regarding the City policy considering a 10 year abatement at 100%. Commissioner Ramsey requested the City policy be reviewed in the near future.

**Neosho County Community College (NCCC)**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from the Director of Finance Scott Bird who explained City staff, along with Bond Council Dotty Riley recently held discussions with NCCC regarding assistance in the issuance of bonds for the development of the NCCC new campus in Ottawa. Thereupon, Mr. Bird recommended a resolution be placed on the next regular meeting and a public hearing be placed on the March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer expressed concern if NCCC defaulted. Mr. Bird explained the debt is paid from the revenue generated by the property. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place the resolution on the next regular meeting agenda and place the public hearing on the March 17<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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### **Airport Replacement Hangar**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Commissioner Ramsey, City Manager Richard Nienstedt, and Public Works Director Andy Haney who reported on the three firms that had been interviewed for the project. Thereupon, Staff requested authority to enter into a contract with Loyd Builders on this project. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to provide staff authority to enter into a contract with Loyd Builders on the Airport Replacement Hangar. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the request duly approved. Thereupon, the City Manager stated he would report on this action at the Regular City Commission Meeting on January 20, 2010.

### **Cub Scout Pack 3079**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Cub Scout representatives Leslie Quillen and JoAnn Nowatzke who requested the use of Ottawa Municipal Auditorium, with fees waived, to hold the Scouts annual Blue & Gold Banquet on Saturday, February 20, 2010. There not being any conflicts in scheduling for the auditorium on this date the Governing Body agreed by consensus to this request.

### **City Manager's Report**

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt discussed the following:

- Chamber Annual Banquet
- City Hall Day at the Capitol
- City/County/School Joint luncheon

### **City Commissioners' Reports**

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm requested a representative from the OU Student Senate be allowed to make a report at the City Commission night meetings. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to approve this request on a trial basis.

Thereupon, Commissioner Fler inquired about the possibility of a broken water main or swimming pool being drained in the area of the 900 Block of East Wilson causing a lot of ice in the street. Thereupon, the City Manager stated this item will be checked on.

Thereupon, the Governing Body discussed complaints received regarding snow not being removed from sidewalks. Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated Code Enforcement will start issuing warning tickets and will focus on the downtown area first.

Thereupon, Planning/Codes/Inspection Director Wynndee Lee encouraged people to not ignore the sidewalks, to do the best they could to clear the sidewalk.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt discussed the recent canopy falling at the South Dollar General store.

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### **Announcements**

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. January 18, 2010: Study Session CANCELED
2. January 18, 2010: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-City offices closed
3. January 20, 2010: Next Regular Meeting, at 9:30 am
4. January 20, 2010: Joint City/County/School luncheon at USD 290

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flear, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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