

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
January 25, 2010**

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

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

Public Comments

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Library Chairperson Mary Redeker, 839 E Wilson, who discussed if the City had a policy of designated buildings to be open during cold or hot weather. Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt responded there isn't a policy in place and most communities struggle with such a policy. He explained there is a certain amount of liability that comes with such a policy. The Governing Body agreed by consensus to discuss this at a later date.

Review of Minutes

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed minutes from the December 21, 2009 Study Session and agreed to place this item on next Regular Meeting Agenda February 3, 2010.

Proclamation-Scout Week

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing Scout Week and the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts. Members of local Scout Troops and Cub Scout packs will be present at the meeting to present the American flag for the Pledge of Allegiance and will offer the Scout Oaths and Laws as the meeting invocation. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this proclamation on the next regular meeting agenda.

2010 Agreement-Economic Development Services

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Chamber CEO Tom Weigand who reported on the OF/CED agreement before the Governing Body and recommended approval. Mr. Weigand noted OF/CED is looking at other sources of income and will be working on a 5 year pledge campaign. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 3.

Ordinance-Restoration of Cars

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Planning/Codes/Inspection Director Wynndee Lee who reviewed the ordinance for allowing restoration of cars. Thereupon, Roger Cowdin, Kevin James, and John Wise were present and provided positive feedback on the proposed ordinance. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this item on the February 1, Study Session Agenda for further discussion.

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Ordinance-Zoning Shipping Containers

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance amending existing zoning regulations to allow for the use of shipping containers as temporary storage. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendments to the Supplemental District Regulations by a 6-1 vote. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Ordinance-Rezone Urban Growth Area

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone property within the Urban Growth Area located at 2738 Rock Creek Road from Franklin County A-2 Transitional Agricultural District to City C-S, Countryside District. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone action by a 6-1 vote. Thereupon, Planning/Codes/Inspection Director Wynndee Lee explained this request was from the property owner. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Ottawa Municipal Auditorium Advisory Committee

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Robyn Bowman, on behalf of the OMA Advisory Committee. Mr. Daryl Gloshen and Mr. Scott Bird, Committee Members, were present in support of OMA. Ms. Bowman reviewed the recommendations made last year by the "Blue Ribbon Committee", forming of the OMA Advisory Committee with ancillary task forces to work on specific goals, and task force current status of work. Ms. Bowman respectfully requested continued support from the Governing Body.

Ottawa Main Street Association-Update

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Ottawa Main Street Board President Cathy Sutton and Representative Tracy Wade who reported on the vision and mission of the association. Ms. Sutton noted an action plan with short and long term goals will be brought back to the Governing Body in the near future. The Association thanked the Governing Body for their continued support.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Youth Delegate Darrah Jorgensen who reported on the following:

- Delegates had selected the Storm Water Runoff as their service project.
- Members would meet tonight to start planning on the project
- Excited about OMA proposed renovation
- Proposed car restoration ordinance good thing for the community

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- PSRT Lighting Project update
- Airport Hangar Design
- NLC Congressional City Conference, March 13-17, 2010

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City Commissioners' Reports

Thereupon, the Governing Body discussed items of importance for the City to keep before our State Representatives. Members of the Governing Body have recently had several opportunities of discussion with representatives and will continue to take issues to them.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about new packets being put together and the possibility of support from the County on some projects.

Thereupon, the City Manager's Executive Assistant Leslie Quillen explained the previous information has all been requested and new packets are being worked on.

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen noted he also would like to see joint projects with the County.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey and Fleer shared complaints received on snow and ice removal.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about the policy in the City regarding the parking of vehicles and trailers long term on the streets. Thereupon, Police Chief Butler explained there is a 72 hours (48 hours inoperable) policy and officer's respond when complaints are received.

Thereupon, the Governing Body discussed current "pot hole" issues. The Director of Public Works Andy Haney explained the crews are out patching, which will be temporary patching, and asked that his office be contacted for complaints.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen explained an Executive Session was needed to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege.

Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to recess into Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for a period of 5 minutes. Thereupon, City Attorney Bob Bezek and City Manager Richard Nienstedt were invited to attend. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed at 5:26 pm.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to reconvene the meeting into Regular Study Session at 5:31 pm. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor reconvened the meeting into Regular Study Session.

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“If I Were Mayor, I Would...” Essay Contest

The final round of judging will be conducted at the end of discussion.

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer and Humm left the meeting at 5:32 pm.

Thereupon, the final judging of the “If I Were Mayor” essay contest was held.

Open Agenda

Thereupon, the following item were discussed:

- City Hall Day, February 3: Lunch meeting with Senator Apple, Feuerborn, and Brown, Youth Delegates will attend luncheon
- Mayor attended the Kansas Area Development Council last week, which included a discussion of light rail in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
- Commissioner Ramsey attended the Optimist meeting last week, where the Mayor of Gardner provided an account of the development of the history of the intermodal

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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