

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
May 10, 2010**

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

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

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Ottawa Main Street

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Ottawa Main Street Director Brian Dennis who discussed the future of the Main Street Association.

Northeast Water Tower

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from City Manager Richard Nienstedt and Utility Director Jim Bradley who explained the need for an \$80,000 expenditure for a waterline to allow the Northeast Water Tower to function properly.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from City Manager Richard Nienstedt who discussed changing the starting time of the June 16 Regular Commission meeting.

During discussion it was explained KDOT would be holding a ribbon cutting that morning at 10:00 am and the Governing Body is invited to attend. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to reschedule the City Commission meeting to 8:30 am., June 16.

Commissioners' Reports

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm announced she would be in Washington D.C. to participate in the Young Elected Officials Conference May 13-16.

Thereupon, the Governing Body and Staff discussed the ORC Ottawa Community Center with regards to the City providing funding. The City Manager Richard Nienstedt noted the City of Ottawa contributes to ORC through the tax base. Mr. Nienstedt stated the City is having difficulty funding City projects.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey stated he continues to receive complaints regarding Cable TV. The City Manager reminded the Governing Body the contract with Allegiance is a nonexclusive contract, and unfortunately no other cable providers have expressed an interest.

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Thereupon, the Governing Body discussed boards and commissions the Commissioners currently serve on. Commissioner Humm will continue to serve on the Convention and Tourism Board. The Bea Martin Peck Committee needs a representative. Thereupon, Mayor Reed recommended the Commission review their calendars and bring this item back for discussion.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen inquired about completion of the fly over North of town being completed. Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt will check and see if a completion date has been announced.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen inquired about any new information from the State on the proposed sales tax increase. It was stated there hadn't been any update since email this morning. Thereupon, the City Manager stated the last he knew the house hadn't taken any action as of meeting time.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Mayor Reed who reported on meetings attended regarding "Key Bills of Municipal Interest". The meeting was presented by League of Kansas Municipalities Director of Policy Development & Communications Kimberly Winn. Topics of discussion were:

Budget Issues	Online Publication	KOMA Executive Session
Taxing/Spending Lid	Consolidation	Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Sales tax Exemptions	CMB	Texting While Driving
Annexation	Appraisal Process	Concealed Carry
911	Smoking Ban	Sprinkler Prohibition
Elections	KORA Exemption	Retainage
One-Call	Video Testimony	Takings/Trash Hauling
		Collective Bargaining

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. May 17, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
2. May 19, 2010: Next Regular Meeting at 9:30 am
3. May 19, 2010: Joint City/County/USD 290 luncheon, USD 290 Offices, 416 S Main

Adjournment

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

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk
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