

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of September 15, 2010**

The City Governing Body met at 9:30 am this date for the Regular City Commission Meeting with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Reed, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Ramsey, Commissioner Jorgensen and Commissioner Fleer. A quorum was present.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and welcomed the Chamber Audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the invocation was given by Pastor Michael Schooley, Crosspointe Community Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the August 30, 2010 Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Consent Agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Ottawa Chamber of Commerce CEO, Tom Weigand, who invited the Governing Body to attend the Ottawa Community Expo to be held October 6, 4 pm – 7 pm, at Washburn Towers.

Declaration

Thereupon, the Mayor asked the City Commission for declarations of any conflict or outside communications that might influence their ability to impartially consider today's issues and come to a fair decision. None were declared.

Proclamation-National Direct Support Professionals Week

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer read a proclamation recognizing September 12-18 as National Direct Support Professionals Week.

During discussion it was explained direct support professionals assist individuals with development disabilities to lead self-directed lives and to contribute to the community. This year the City of Ottawa can join the United States Senate and Governor Mark Parkinson in recognizing the valuable work of direct support professionals. Representatives of COF Training Services, Susan Oglesby, Sara Clary and Joy Roth were in attendance. The proclamation was accepted by Susan Oglesby.

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Proclamation-Ottawa High School Wall of Honor Days

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm read a proclamation recognizing Sept. 23 and 24, 2010 as Ottawa High School Wall of Honor Days. This is the 14th year that the Ottawa High School has recognized outstanding alumni with this honor. Susan Geiss, Ottawa High School Wall of Honor Coordinator, accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation-Constitution Week

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey read a proclamation recognizing Sept. 17-23, 2010 as Constitution Week. Constitution Week is an official week to commemorate the anniversary of the creation of the world's longest-lived written Constitution. Emily Kirkpatrick, Regent of General Edward Hand Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, accepted the proclamation.

Ordinance-Special Use Permit

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to grant a special use permit to Franklin County for a Construction and Debris Landfill located in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) at 3268 Osborne Terrace. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained Franklin County is seeking approval of a special use permit to allow expansion of the existing construction and debris landfill located at 3225 Osborne Terrace. At the September 1 Regular Meeting, the Governing Body voted not to approve the ordinance and unanimously agreed to return it to the Planning Commission for additional information on the property value impact to surrounding areas, and more information on the feasibility of the approved cells remaining on the current site. After the additional items were added to the record, the Planning Commission passes the recommendation to approve the special use permit by a 5-0 vote.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Planning/Codes/Inspection Director Wynndee Lee, Franklin County Administrator Lisa Johnson, and City Attorney Bob Bezek who addressed questions from the Governing Body.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from John Todd, 3255 Highway K-68 who spoke in opposition of the special use permit.

The motion was considered and upon being put, the ordinance was adopted by a vote of 4-1 as follows: Commission Humm aye, Commissioner Jorgensen aye, Commissioner Fleer nay, Commissioner Ramsey aye, and Mayor Reed aye. Thereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3765-10.

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Resolution-Condemnation 834 Pecan

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution fixing the time and place and providing for Notice of Condemnation Hearing to be held regarding the property located at 834 Pecan. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained the requested date for the hearing is November 3, 2010. Thereupon, the motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1532-10.

Resolution-Condemnation 1037 N Sycamore

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution fixing the time and place and providing for Notice of Condemnation Hearing to be held regarding the property located at 1037 N Sycamore. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained the requested date for the hearing is November 3, 2010. Thereupon, the motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1533-10.

Third Quarter Recognition of City Employees

Thereupon, Mayor Reed stated the City Commission would like to recognize City employees who have been promoted or have recently completed educational and professional development programs. Thereupon, the following employees were recognized:

Shawn Dillon, Fire Lieutenant

Lieutenant Shawn Dillon received his Bachelor of Science on Organizational Leadership from Fort Hays University.

Lieutenant Dillon recently returned from active duty with the Kansas Army National Guard. As a member of Battery C 2nd Battalion 130th Field Artillery, he was deployed to the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt in September 2009. He and his unit served a peace-keeping role with 11 other countries, helping preserve the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. We welcome him home, and thank him for his service to his country.

Ryan Murphy, Police Officer

Officer Murphy has earned the designation of Drug Recognition Expert. The drug recognition expert's main focus is the detection and recognition of drug-impaired drivers. Many DREs are considered the drug experts in their communities and their agencies. Police officers trained as DREs have shown that their drug recognition skills and training not only help them accurately identify persons impaired by drugs and alcohol—but also enable them to serve as a valuable community resource.

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Adam Weingartner, Police Lieutenant

Lieutenant Adam Weingartner participated in a “Leading by Legacy” seminar hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. This involved a competitive selection process for commanders in rural agencies comprised of less than 50 officers. The focus of the Leading by Legacy Program is to provide training and technical assistance to increase stability in the leadership structure of rural police, sheriff, and tribal agencies; and build capacity through linkages to regional, state, and federal resources.

James Kerns, Police Officer

Sara Humm, Mayor Pro Tem

Officer Kerns and Commissioner Humm are members of the 2009-2010 Franklin County Leadership class. This leadership development program identifies those interested in leadership roles in Franklin County and makes them aware of challenges facing the area, and inspires participants to accept the responsibility of providing leadership in the future.

Debbie Lines, Finance Clerk II

Debbie Lines recently completed two courses sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. This gives Deb a total of eight completed FEMA certifications, accruing approximately 24 hours of Emergency Management training.

Kyle Long, Electric Distribution Apprentice II

Kyle Long earned his Associate’s Degree in Applied Science from Pratt Community College. He completed the Electrical Lineman program.

Scott Bird, Director of Finance

Scott Bird earned his Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. This achievement, the highest of two professional designations offered by the association, requires professional experience, extensive education and training, and can only be awarded to those who have earned the first designation of Certified Municipal Clerk.

Introduction of New City Employees

Thereupon, two new City employees were introduced by City Staff.

Brian Hall- Utilities/Electric Production Operator I, began working for the City Sept. 1.

Kyle Thurman- Public Works/Parks Equipment Operator I, began working for the City Sept. 13.

Ottawa Industrial Park

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an option agreement for the purchase of real property in the Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to approve the agreement.

During discussion it was explained this agreement establishes the terms for Mac Fasteners, Inc. to procure an option to purchase Lots 4 and 9 in the Northeast Ottawa Industrial Park. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the option agreement duly approved.

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Kansas Corporations Commission

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to accept an award agreement between the Kansas Corporations Commission and the City of Ottawa for Grant Funds. Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to approve the agreement with Kansas Corporations for the awarded grant funds and allow staff to move forward with a contract with BCI Mechanical, Inc.

During discussion it was explained grant funds of an amount not to exceed \$49,584 have been awarded to provide financial assistance for the implementation of energy-efficiency improvements to the Ottawa Municipal Auditorium. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$94,416. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the request duly approved.

Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Lisa Johnson, Franklin County Administrator/Counselor who had requested an opportunity to present an overview of the design concept, proposed services and financing options being considered for the proposed juvenile detention facility. Thereupon, Ms. Johnson introduced Dan Rowe, Treanor Architects P.A., from Topeka, Kansas who reviewed the proposed Site Plan and Floor Plan for the Juvenile Detention Center.

City Manager Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reminded the Governing Body the Joint City/County/USD 290 luncheon will be held today, at 12 Noon, in the City Commission Chambers.

Reports by City Commissioners

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen thanked the County Representatives for the presentation on the Juvenile Detention Center.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey noted the County had used a different funding vehicle "Public Building Commission" on the Juvenile Detention Center.

Report by Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Reed recognized the efforts of the recent "Power of the Past" and "Car Show" events recently held in the City of Ottawa.

Adjournment

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. September 20, 2010: Study Session, **start time changed to 3:30 pm**
2. September 20, 2010: Special Call Meeting, 5 pm, ORC Recreation Center Groundbreaking, 15th and Ash

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Ramsey 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 at 10:43 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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