

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
November 1, 2010**

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

Proclamation-National American Indian Heritage Month

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing November 2010 as National American Indian Heritage Month and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for November 3, 2010.

Proclamation-Veterans Awareness Week

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing November 5-11, 2010 as Veterans Awareness Week and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for November 3, 2010.

Tax Abatement Policy

Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place the revised Tax Abatement Policy on the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 17th.

Resolution-General Obligation Refunding (Refinancing) Bond

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Refunding (Refinancing) Bonds. The resolution was prepared by Bond Council Dotty Riley, which will allow the City to refund debt originally sold to finance the Southwest Electric Substation. The Governing Body heard from Greg Vahrenberg, Managing Director with Piper Jaffray & Co. who reviewed the Refinancing Analysis for the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for November 3.

Youth in Government

Thereupon, a new Youth in government delegate has been accepted as a new member. BriAnna Stephenson will be present at the November 3 meeting to be sworn in. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting.

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Ordinance-Pay Day Loan/Title Loan Businesses

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to amend Chapter XI of the Municipal Code by addition Article XIII dealing with Pay Day Loan/Title Loan Businesses. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item back on the November 8th or 15th Study Session agenda.

2010 Monthly Financial and Activity Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed the 2010 Monthly Financial and Activity Reports for the month of September.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Courtney Evans who reported the Youth in Government will be having a meeting tonight at 6:30 pm and more information will be provided to the Governing Body at a later date.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated discussion on the Airport Advisory Board will be deferred to a later date.

Thereupon, Mr. Nienstedt announced he had spoken with Lisa Rivers and volunteers had almost completed painting all street signs. Mr. Nienstedt expressed appreciation to Lisa Rivers and all the volunteers who worked on this project.

Commission Reports

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey thanked staff who did all the work on the Airport dedication. Commissioner Ramsey explained everyone was pleased with the outcome of the project.

Executive Session

Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flear, to recess into Executive Session for Attorney-Client privilege, with the City Attorney and City Manager present for a period of 5 minutes and to reconvene in open session at 5:22 pm in the same Regular Work Study Session room. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flear, to reconvene the meeting into regular study session at 5:22 pm. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened into Regular Study Session.

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Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to recess into Executive Session to continue Attorney-Client discussion for a period of 5 minutes and to reconvene back into Regular Study Session at 5:27 pm. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to reconvene into Regular Study Session at 5:27 pm. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened.

Open Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey discussed revisiting the City TIF program.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated a tentative date for groundbreaking of the “Loves” project is January 15.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, 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 5:36 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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