

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of January 19, 2011**

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 Jorgensen, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Fleer, and Commissioner Ramsey. 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 Director of Finance Scott Bird.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the Agenda, minutes from the December 13, 2010 Study Session and the December 15, 2010 Regular Meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Consent Agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

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-Catholic Schools Week

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm, an alumnus of Sacred Heart School, read a proclamation recognizing Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated nationally the last week in January; this year that week is January 30-February 4. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: A+ for America." This proclamation recognizes the contributions of Sacred Heart School and its students and alumni to our community. Thereupon, Diane Chapman, principal; Brandon Pfizenmaier and Sutton Jung, students from Sacred Heart School accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation-Kansas Day

Thereupon, Mayor Reed read a proclamation recognizing Kansas Day. Kansas celebrates its sesquicentennial on January 29, 2011, commemorating 150 years of statehood. The proclamation will be presented to the Franklin County Historical Society.

Public Hearing-Big Bear Enterprises, LLC.

Thereupon, Mayor Reed explained this public hearing is to consider a tax exemption for Big Bear Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a Hasty Awards.
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Thereupon, Mayor Reed opened the public hearing at 9:42 am.

Thereupon, City Attorney Bob Bezek explained Big Bear Enterprise, LLC is a holding entity of Hasty Awards. Mr. Bezek recommended the public hearing remain open until Monday, January 24, 2011, Regular Study Session to allow time for Franklin County Commissioners, USD 290, as well as, the public to review the request.

Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to leave the public hearing open until Monday, January 24, 2011 Regular Study Session.

Ordinance-Revolving Fund

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance authorizing the execution of a loan agreement between the City of Ottawa, Kansas and the State of Kansas, acting by and through the Kansas Department of Transportation for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Transportation revolving fund to finance a qualified transportation project. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained this loan agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$153,000. Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird explained this loan agreement is for the E K-68 project. The City joined with KDOT and this will allow the City to have funding for additional street projects. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3777-11.

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer left the meeting at 9:48 am.

Ordinance-1110 Enterprise Street

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance vacating that portion of a drainage easement located at 1110 Enterprise Street. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained the City of Ottawa's Planning Commission reviewed the drainage easement vacation requested by Mac Fasteners Inc. and held a public hearing. There were no public comments and the Planning Commission recommended the drainage easement vacation by a 7-0 vote. The motion was considered and upon being put all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was numbered Ordinance No. 3774-11.

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Reports by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt announced:

- Attended Meeting at Governor's Mansion-Cedar Crest
- City Hall Day will be held February 2, 2011

Report by Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Reed discussed the "Take Charge Challenge" program.

Thereupon, the Mayor read a letter from Lowell Joerg of Tucson, Arizona who shared his hobby, "a re-distribution of happiness". Mr. Joerg had returned an old postcard to the Ottawa community. The postcard was a picture of City Hall when it was located at 123 W 4th.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. January 19, 2011: Joint City/County/USD 290 Luncheon, at Noon, USD 290, 416 S Main
2. January 24, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
3. January 31, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
4. February 2, 2011: Next Regular Meeting, at 7 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, 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 9:53 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk