

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of March 2, 2011**

The City Governing Body met at 7 pm 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 Pastor Leonard Chesbro, New Life in Christ 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 January 24, 2011, January 31, 2011, February 7, 2011, February 14, 2011 and February 21, 2011 Study Sessions; and the January 19, 2011, February 2, 2011 and February 16, 2011 Regular Meetings. 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 Helen Hood, 1119 N Hickory who thanked the City Manager, Staff, and City Commission for the informational meeting provided to the Commission Candidates following the February 28th Study Session meeting.

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.

Ordinance-Rezone

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance rezoning an area within the Urban Growth Area, Franklin County, Kansas which will update the section of the zoning map which is part of Ordinance No. 3501-05 of the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained this rezone includes the following addresses: 3120, 3190, 3196, 3198, 3200, 3290, 3300, and 3325 K-68 Highway; 3266 Nebraska Terrace; 3255 K-68 Highway; and 3202 K-69 Highway. The Planning Commission recommended approval of these rezones by a 6-0 vote. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3780-11.

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Ottawa University Student Body Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Andrew McCluney who reported on activities at Ottawa University.

Report by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported a recent meeting had been held to update American Eagle on possible Davis Road improvement funding options.

Reports by City Commissioners

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen announced there would be a candidate's forum on March 8, at the Franklin County Annex to be held at 7 pm.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Youth Delegate Danon Taylor who reported on the survey that had been conducted on activities for youth in Ottawa. Ms. Taylor explained the final preparation of survey results were being completed and will be provided to the Governing Body.

Report by Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Reed reported Ottawa Main Street has withdrawn the request for a fundraising event on city property.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. March 7, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
2. March 9, 2011: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am – 9 am, Faith Lutheran Church, 1320 W. 15th Street; tickets required

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, 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 7:12 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk