

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of January 4, 2012**

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 Ramsey, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Jorgensen, and Commissioner Reed. 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 Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. 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-Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey read a proclamation recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Monday, January 16, 2012 is Martin Luther King, Jr Day. Since 2002, the City of Ottawa has officially recognized Martin Luther King, Jr Day as a City holiday. Former Mayor Richard Jackson accepted the proclamation and announced Martin Luther King, Jr Day events will be held January 15, 2012 at Ottawa University.

Ordinance-Rezoning an Area Within the City of Ottawa

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance rezoning an area within the City of Ottawa, Kansas, and repealing the corresponding section of the zoning map, which is part of Ordinance No. 3501-05 of the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained this ordinance to rezone an area in the Urban Growth Area from Franklin County zoning to City zoning includes these addresses: 2387 Old US-50 Highway, 2402 Old Us-50 Highway, 2439 Old US-50 Highway, 2434 Old US-50 Highway, 2428 Old US-50 Highway, 2424 Old US-50 Highway, 2415 Old US-50 Highway, 2393 Old US-50 Highway, and 2389 Old US-50 Highway. The Planning Commission recommended approval of these rezones with a 6-0 vote.

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After discussion, the Governing Body heard from City Attorney Bob Bezek who provided an overview of a valid Protest Petition received of property owner John C. Riddle, 2387 Old 50 Highway, which increased the number of positive votes needed to adopt the related ordinance to 4 out of 5. The motion was considered and upon being put, passed by the following vote: Commissioner Richards aye, Commissioner Jorgensen aye, Commissioner Caylor aye, Commissioner Reed aye, Mayor Ramsey aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3808-12.

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City Manager's Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections who provided a presentation on the failing structure of a downtown building at 124 S Main. After discussion it was explained no action was requested at this time.

City Manager Richard Nienstedt thanked the City Commission, City Staff, and community for recognizing his Buford M Watson Award and said he was honored to serve in Ottawa.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- Recognized City Manager Richard Nienstedt for his accomplishments
- Pleased to see progress on 15th Street Sidewalk project
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- Congratulated the City Manager for his Buford M Watson Award
- Enjoyed hearing City Manager's past career history

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- Time of year for New Year's resolutions
- Challenged the community to help their fellow man

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Planning and zoning is sometimes difficult, but it is necessary for the community
- Most of Franklin County's population is located in Ottawa
- What is good for the City is also good for the County
- Plans to attend an upcoming County Commission Study Session to express his views

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the following:

- The Interlocal Agreement was approved by both City and County Commissions
- The resulting rezones have resulted in only one Protest Petition

Announcements

The Mayor announced the following:

- January 9, 012: Study Session at 4 pm
- January 16, 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday – City offices closed
- January 16, 2012: Study Session canceled
- January 18, 2012: Next Regular Meeting at 9:30 am

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk