

**City Commission**  
**Special Call Minutes (Time Change)**  
**May 16, 2012**  
**Commission Chambers, City Hall**  
**101 S Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas**

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 Jorgensen, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Ramsey, 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**

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the April 23 and April 30, and May 7, 2012 Study Sessions; May 2, 2012 Regular Meeting; and May 7, 2012 Special Call Meeting. 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**

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.

**Ken Hennessey Retirement**

The Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird who honored Ken Hennessey for his contributions to the City. Mayor Jorgensen presented Mr. Hennessey with a plaque to recognize his retirement after 19 years of service to the City of Ottawa.

**Proclamation-Police Week**

Mayor Jorgensen read a proclamation recognizing May 13-19, 2012 as Police Week. Established in 1962 by President John F Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week pays special tribute to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. Captain Randy Allan accepted the proclamation and thanked the Governing Body, City Manager, and the community for the support.

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### **Public Hearing-Proposed Tauy Jones Parking Lot**

The Mayor explained a public hearing for the consideration of a proposed Tauy Jones parking lot on the campus of Ottawa University is needed. Ottawa University is considering the construction of a 40-space parking lot immediately north of Tauy Jones Hall. As required by state preservation statute K.S.A. 75-2724, this request was reviewed by the State Historical Preservation Officer, and was deemed to “encroach upon, damage, or destroy” the environs of the Tauy Jones Hall. This hearing will consider all relevant factors and will determine if the proposed new parking lot represents the only feasible and prudent alternative, and if the project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic property and its environs.

Mayor Jorgensen opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 pm.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who reported on the proposed new parking lot requested by Ottawa University immediately north of Tauy Jones Hall.

The Governing Body heard from City Attorney Bob Bezek who provided an overview of the public hearing process.

The Governing Body heard from the following who spoke in opposition of the proposed Tauy Jones parking lot: Deborah Barker, 1035 S Main; Bob Marsh, 1123 S Hickory; and Meg Pearson, 404 S Sycamore.

The Governing Body and / or City staff received the following emails, read into the record, in opposition of the proposed Tauy Jones parking lot: Steven Foulke, Joan Vibert, Carine Ullom.

The Governing Body and / or City staff received the following emails, read into the record, in favor of the proposed Tauy Jones parking lot: Paul Bean, Linda Brown, Brooke Riffel, Noelle Testa, Shauna Drayer, Bryce Bettin, Sara Freeman, Shaun Ferguson, Erin Hodges, Twila Abbott, Melanie Lamar.

*A hard copy of the email correspondence will be attached to the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk for review.*

The Governing Body heard from Ottawa University President Kevin Eichner who reported on the University’s Master Plan for the campus and answered questions from the Governing Body. Commissioner Caylor requested more information from the City Manager regarding Public Works and snow plowing and the Police Department responding to issues in the area.

There being no one else to speak to this issue the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:34 pm.

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**Resolution-Parking Lot at 403 E Ninth Street**

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution providing for the construction of a parking lot at 403 E Ninth Street. Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained after consideration of information presented in the Public Hearing, this resolution allows the construction of a parking lot near Taub Jones Hall on the Ottawa University campus.

The Governing Body heard from Loyd Builders Project Manager Sonny Burch who provided an overview of the proposed plan and answered questions from the Governing Body. The motion was considered and upon being put, failed by a 2-3 vote as follows: Commissioners Reed, Ramsey, and Mayor Jorgensen nay; Commissioner Richards and Caylor aye. The Mayor declared the resolution duly defeated. The Governing Body agreed by consensus to bring the item back to the next Study Session on May 21, 2012 for further discussion. City Manager Richard Nienstedt announced the Cemetery Facilities Tour scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012 will be canceled.

**Resolution-Public Hearing 936 Hamblin**

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 936 Hamblin. Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to adopt the resolution.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who provided a presentation of the following properties being considered for condemnation: 936 Hamblin, 830 S Cherry, and 804 S Cherry.

During discussion it was explained this resolution establishes a public hearing to be held at 7 pm on Monday, July 2, 2012 for consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 936 Hamblin. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1580-12.

**Resolution-Public Hearing 830 S Cherry**

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 830 S Cherry. Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution establishes a public hearing to be held at 7 pm on Monday, July 2, 2012 for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 830 S Cherry. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1581-12.

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### **Resolution-Public Hearing 804 S Cherry**

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 804 S Cherry. Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution establishes a public hearing to be held at 7 pm on Monday, July 2, 2012 for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 804 S Cherry. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1582-12.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- Thanked Police Chief Dennis Butler and Sheriff Jeffrey Curry for the Police Memorial Service held Monday, May 14, 2012 in conjunction with Police Week.

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- She attended the Franklin County Summit this morning with other Governing Body members and City staff.
- Thanked the public for their input on the issues considered during this meeting.

Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- She appreciated all comments from the public during the public hearing and encouraged citizens to contact her with any concerns or comments in the future.
- She recognized Ken Hennessey for warmly greeting everyone entering City Hall. City Manager Richard Nienstedt announced a reception for Mr. Hennessey will be held in the Commission Chambers on May 25, 2012 from 2-4 pm.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Pleased with the fair and transparent process regarding the OU parking lot issue.
- Recognized parking issue on north-side of Ottawa University campus. The Governing Body agreed by consensus to bring this issue back for further discussion. City Manager Richard Nienstedt will work with City staff to put a team together to address the issue.

### **Announcements**

The Mayor announced the following:

- May 21, 2012: Study Session at 4 pm
- May 28, 2012: City offices closed – Memorial Day holiday
- May 28, 2012: Study Session canceled – Memorial Day holiday

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk