

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of August 15, 2012**

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: Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Ramsey, and Mayor pro tem Caylor. Mayor Jorgensen was absent. A quorum was present.

The Mayor pro tem 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 Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee.

City Clerk Carolyn Snethen requested a correction to the regular agenda on the ordinance number in Item 11.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the July 16, July 23, and July 30, 2012 Study Sessions; and the July 18 Regular Meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor pro tem declared the Consent Agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Declaration

Mayor pro tem Caylor 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-Vacating Right-of-Way

The Governing Body reviewed an ordinance vacating the alley right-of-way on First Street between the 100 blocks of North Cedar and North Oak Street. Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained the Planning Commission recommended this vacation with a 4-0 vote. The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who provided an overview of the alley right-of-way vacation request and answered questions from the Governing Body. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor pro tem declared the ordinance duly approved and the ordinance was numbered Ordinance No. 3824-12.

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Standard Traffic Ordinance

The Governing Body reviewed an ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Ottawa; incorporating by reference the limits of the City of Ottawa; incorporating by reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities,” Edition of 2012, with certain omissions, changes and additions; prescribing additional regulations; providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance No. 3791-11. Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities has been published annually by the League of Kansas Municipalities since 1960. It is designed to provide a comprehensive traffic code which parallels the state traffic act.

The Governing Body heard from Chief of Police Dennis Butler who provided an overview of the 2012 Standard Traffic Ordinances. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor pro tem declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3825-12.

Ordinance-Restricting Parking on Westside of South Cedar

The Governing Body reviewed an ordinance providing for the regulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including designation of parking restrictions within the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained this ordinance restricts parking on the west side of South Cedar Street both north and south of the intersection with 10th Street to improve sight lines for motorists entering South Cedar from 10th Street.

The Governing Body heard from Chief of Police Dennis Butler who provided a brief overview of the parking restrictions and answered questions from the Governing Body. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor pro tem declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3826-12.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- August 15, 2012: Quarterly Image Awards luncheon

City Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Ramsey reported on the following:

- August 22, 2012: Special Call Meeting, Strategic Planning Retreat at 5 pm
- He congratulated Mayor pro tem Caylor for running the meeting.

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Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- He recently attended the Gun Guys open house and praised their efforts in growing their small business.
- He congratulated Avery Stalford of Ottawa on finishing 12th in the world bull riding competition in Abilene, TX August 1-4, 2012.

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- August 27, 2012: Ottawa University Fusion event will be held on the Franklin County Courthouse lawn from 6-8 pm

Mayor's Report

Mayor pro tem Caylor reported on the following:

- She reminded the citizens that the 2012 Priorities of the City Commission are listed at the bottom of each study session agenda.
- August 15, 2012: "Imagination Playground in a Box" Dedication at Don Woodward Center, 517 E 3rd Street, at 10 am
- She reminded the public to watch for children while driving as school is in session beginning this week.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Mayor pro tem Caylor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:49 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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