

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of August 1, 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 Jorgensen, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Caylor, and Commissioner Ramsey. Commissioner Reed was absent. 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 Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the July 9, 2012 Study Session; and the July 2 and July 11, 2012 Special Call Meetings. 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.

Presentation-Ottawa Optimists

The Governing Body heard from incoming Ottawa Optimists President Dale Pearson and past President Trent Lancaster who presented a check to City Manager Richard Nienstedt for \$2,500 in support of City Parks improvements.

FAA Grant-Ottawa Municipal Airport

The Governing Body reviewed a request for approval of an FAA grant offer for the acquisition of additional land for the Ottawa Municipal Airport. Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to approve the request and authorize staff and the City Attorney to proceed with necessary actions to comply with the FAA grant requirements.

During discussion it was explained this grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration provides 90% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$181,575 (total anticipated purchase price \$201,750) to complete the acquisition of a 54(+) acre parcel of land at the south boundary of the Ottawa Municipal Airport property.

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The Governing Body heard from City Manager Richard Nienstedt who explained the FAA grant offer. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the request duly approved.

Public Hearing-Proposed 2013 Budget

The Mayor explained a public hearing on the proposed 2013 Budget is needed. The published mill levy cannot be increased, but it may be reduced.

Mayor Jorgensen opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird who provided a presentation of the proposed 2013 budget.

There being no one else to speak to this issue Mayor Jorgensen closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm.

Adoption-2013 Budget

The Governing Body considered the adoption of the 2013 Budget. Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adopt the 2013 Budget.

During discussion it was explained following public discussions and many weeks of study sessions as well as tonight's presentation and comments during the public hearing, adoption of the 2013 budget is required. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the 2013 Budget duly adopted.

Ordinance-Increase in Tax Revenues for Budget Year 2013

The Governing Body reviewed an ordinance attesting to an increase in tax revenues for Budget Year 2013 for the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained this ordinance is required due to an increase in budgeted tax dollars for the 2013 budget.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird who explained the purpose of the required ordinance. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3823-12.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- He thanked the Governing Body for their exceptional work as commissioners during the budget process.
- He thanked everyone for their participation in National Night Out on July 31, 2012.
- August 22, 2012: John Divine will be here to host the City Commissioners' Retreat
- September 10, 2012: City Commission will meet at Goppert Center at 5:30 pm to start tour of Ottawa Recreation Commission facilities

City Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Ramsey reported on the following:

- He encouraged everyone to study the issues and candidates and vote in the election on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- He encouraged everyone to register to vote.
- He thanked Lieutenant Adam Weingartner for providing National Night Out updates through Facebook and Twitter and engaging the community in a positive way.

Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- Courthouse is open every day through Tuesday, August 7, 2012 for voting.
- She encouraged everyone to appreciate the Optimists making a donation to our local parks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Voting is an opportunity to express your thoughts on current events.
- The City Commission reached out to visit with citizens at their homes during National Night Out.
- The City Commission is planning to hold several future meetings in area schools and churches to reach and communicate with more citizens.

Announcements

The Mayor announced the following:

- August 6, 2012: Study Session at 4 pm
- August 13, 2012: Study Session at 4 pm
- August 15, 2012: Next Regular Meeting at 9:30 am

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. Mayor Jorgensen declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk