

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of January 20, 2016**

The Governing Body met at 9:30 am this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor pro tem Dickinson, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Graves were all present. Mayor Skidmore was absent. A quorum was present.

The Mayor pro tem Dickinson called the meeting to order and welcomed the Chamber Audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The invocation was given by Armogen Walker with Bethany Chapel Baptist Church.

Consent Agenda

The Governing Body reviewed the consent agenda consisting of Minutes from the January 4, 2016 Study Session and January 6, 2016 Regular Meeting and the current regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Graves to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor pro tem declared the consent agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

The Governing Body heard from Tiffany Evans with the Ottawa Municipal Auditorium (OMA) Advisory Board regarding an update on the New Year's Eve Event. The event was held at the Plaza Cinema due to construction on bathrooms in OMA. The fundraiser concert featured Nashville recording artist and songwriter Jeremy McComb and Rick Huckaby and raised \$632.00 for future OMA plans. Ms. Evans thanked all the sponsors for the event as well as the City of Ottawa utility department for restoring power as quickly as possible to continue on with the event.

Declaration

None were given at this time.

Proclamation—Catholic Schools Week

Commissioner Caylor read a proclamation recognizing January 31st – February 6th as Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated nationally during this last week in January. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." This proclamation recognizes the contributions of Sacred Heart School, the students and the alumni to our community. The proclamation was accepted by Principal Lisa Blaes and Miranda Vrbas, a student with Sacred Heart School. Student, Cailyn Hurley, spoke regarding the Catholic Schools Week proclamation and stated why she loves to attend Sacred Heart School. The 4th and 5th Grade classes at Sacred Heart School attended the Commission Meeting.

Proclamation—Kansas Day

Mayor pro tem Dickinson read a proclamation recognizing January 29th as Kansas Day. This day marks the 155th anniversary of Kansas becoming a state. Rita Nienstedt accepted this proclamation. Mrs. Nienstedt is a state officer of P.E.O., a women's organization that has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to women in the state to motivate them to achieve their highest aspirations. Mrs. Nienstedt shared a few interesting highlights of the State of Kansas. Mrs. Nienstedt shared sunflower magnets with the City Commissioners.

Report by City Manager

City Manager Richard U Nienstedt reported:

- Utilities Director Dennis Tharp and City Manager Richard U Nienstedt spent yesterday attending the Kansas Municipal Utilities Day at the Capital.
- Next Week is City Hall Day
- There is an intergovernmental meeting Luncheon today at noon at USD 290.

Report by City Commissioners

Commissioner Reed thanked Sacred Heart Students and Kayla Hurley for speaking regarding the Catholic Schools Week Proclamation. Commissioner Reed stated she remembers memories of celebrating Kansas Day in the past.

Commissioner Caylor thanked Tiffany Evans with the OMA Advisory Board for reporting the OMA New Year's Eve Event held at the plaza. Commissioner Caylor advised there is currently an opening at this board and if anyone in the community is interested in participating on this board to contact a commissioner or City Hall. Commissioner Caylor commended the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works department for all their hard work during the inclement weather the City of Ottawa has experienced. Commissioner Caylor stated the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on Sunday was a great event that celebrated the rich history we have. Commissioner Caylor loves celebrating Sacred Heart and Catholic Schools Week.

Report by Mayor pro tem

Mayor pro tem Dickinson reported:

- Attended the Saturday Night Chamber of Commerce Dinner at Ottawa University Gibson Student Center.
- Welcomed new city employee John Oelke.

Announcements

Mayor pro tem announced:

- January 25, 2016: Study Session, 4:00 pm, City Hall
- January 27, 2016: Special Call LKM Government Day, Topeka
- January 29, 2016: Awarding of CALEA Certificate, Chamber Coffee, 8:00 am, Goppert Center
- February 3, 2016: Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor pro tem declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:52 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk