

**Study Session Minutes
Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of March 28, 2016**

The Governing Body met at 4:00 pm this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Skidmore, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Graves, and Commissioner Jorgensen. A quorum was present.

Mayor Skidmore called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Minutes to Review

The Governing Body reviewed minutes from the March 16, 2016 Special Call Meeting for an Update on Rock Creek Development Park and the March 21, 2016 Study Session. It was agreed to place this item on the next regular meeting agenda, April 6, 2016.

Ordinance—Loan to Fund Public Water Supply Project

The Governing Body heard from Finance Director Scott Bird regarding a request for approval of an ordinance authorizing a loan to fund a Public Water Supply Project. The application is through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), which is a request for a loan from the Kansas Water Supply Loan Fund. This loan will be used to construct an additional raw water line for the purpose of providing redundancy to the City's aged water supply line from the river intake. KDHE has processed a request to loan the city \$3,262,500 for a period of 20 years at a total rate of 2.13%. Mr. Bird explained that steps were taken late 2015 to increase water rates over the next three years to finance this loan. It was agreed to place this item on the next regular meeting agenda.

Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

The Governing Body heard from Shelly Lojka with CASA. The mission of CASA is to provide trained community volunteers to speak up for the needs of abused and neglected children. April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Ms Lojka encouraged all community members to get involved with this cause by wearing Blue and a Blue Ribbon on April 8th to visually show support for an abused child. CASA serves four counties; Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, and Osage. They are actively seeking volunteers.

February Monthly Reports

The Governing Body reviewed the February Monthly Financial and Activity reports with City Staff.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Richard U. Nienstedt reported:

- March 30, 2016: Public Meeting regarding Rock Creek Development Park. The event begins at 5:30 pm with a presentation at 6:00 pm.
- Discussion of the Mayor position will be on the next study session agenda.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Skidmore thanked all who helped make the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast possible stating that it was a wonderful turnout.

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Announcements

Mayor Skidmore announced:

- March 30, 2016: Rock Creek Development Park Master Planning Meeting, 5:30 pm, Neosho County Community College
- April 4, 2016: Study Session, 4:00 pm, City Hall
- April 6, 2016: Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, Pinning Ceremony & Reception for New Fire Chief, Tim Matthias, Immediately Following

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Graves to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk