

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of October 18, 2017**

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: Mayor Caylor, Commissioner Skidmore, Commissioner Graves, Commissioner Jorgensen, and Commissioner Crowley. A quorum was present.

Mayor Caylor called the meeting to order.

The Mayor welcomed the Chamber Audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was given by Finance Director Scott Bird.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crowley, to approve the consent agenda, to include this regular meeting agenda; minutes from the September 6, 2017 and September 20, 2017 Regular Meetings; and September 11, 2017, September 25, 2017 and October 2, 2017 Study Sessions; and approval of new member Ben Evans to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the consent agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

None

Declaration

None were given at this time.

Retirement Recognition—Blaine Stewart

The Governing Body heard from Utilities Director Dennis Tharp who recognized Blaine Stewart, Operator II, for his years of service and contributions to the City of Ottawa. Mr. Tharp presented Mr. Stewart with a plaque in honor of his retirement.

Proclamation—Ottawa Business Women’s Week

Mayor Caylor read a proclamation recognizing October 15-21, 2017 as Ottawa Business Women’s Week. This proclamation recognizes the achievements and contributions of working women in Ottawa. Christina Bush, President of the Kansas Business and Professional Women accepted the proclamation, provided a brief history on the Business and Professional Women group and thanked the Governing Body for the recognition.

Proclamation—Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Commissioner Graves read a proclamation recognizing October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations and government agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease and provide greater access to screening services.

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Community Development Director Wynndee Lee accepted the proclamation with thanks, shared her story as a breast cancer survivor, and provided statistics about breast cancer.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Richard U. Nienstedt reported on the following:

- 15th Street Sidewalk project has begun
- 19th Street Sidewalk project underway

Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Skidmore reported on the following:

- Main Street and K-68 Highway intersection is complete and more pedestrian-friendly
- Appreciates the work of the Public Works department
- City Commission and School Board candidate forum this evening at City Hall Commission Chambers from 6-8 pm

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Candidate forum will be live-streamed on Facebook Live
- Early voting begins soon

Mayor's Report

None

Announcements

Mayor Caylor announced the following:

- October 18, 2017 Joint City/County/USD 290 Mtg, 12:00 pm, USD 290 District Office
- October 23, 2017 Study Session CANCELED
- October 30, 2017 Study Session, 4:00 pm, City Hall
- November 1, 2017 Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:56 am.

/s/ Amy Finch
Amy Finch, City Clerk

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