

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
February 15, 2010**

The Governing Body met at 4 pm this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Jorgensen, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Ramsey, and Commissioner Fler. Commissioner Humm was absent. A quorum was present.

Mayor Jorgensen called the meeting to order and asked for Public Comments.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Review of Minutes

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed minutes from February 1, 2010 Study Session and the February 3, 2010 Special Call Meeting and agreed to place these items on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for February 17.

Proclamation-Healthy Marriage Month

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing February as Healthy Marriage Month. Rebecca McFarland, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for the Franklin County K-State Research and Extension Office, will be present to accept the proclamation. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next regular meeting agenda.

KERIT Management Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Thomas McGee representative Ed Reasoner who reviewed the 2009 Kansas Eastern Region Insurance Trust Stewardship Report for the City of Ottawa. Mr. Reasoner stated the City of Ottawa had a positive report due to the City's commitment to safety awareness from Management and Employees.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt explained there is three components to the positive report; Health Insurance, Wellness, and Workers Comp. The City is focused on safety and the positive numbers show the right things are being done.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, Youth Delegate Darrah Jorgensen reported on the following:

- City Hall Day: School funding cuts, tour of capitol, youth recognition from Senate Floor
- Service Project: blue print for rain garden in Kanza Park

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reviewed the Funding Assistance (FAA) Airport Projects list with the Governing Body. Mr. Nienstedt explained a report is prepared annually for the FAA.

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The City Manager announced Loyd Builders may have the first draft of the airport hangar project available this week for review.

The City Manager requested Commissioner Ramsey report on a recent meeting with KDOT Representatives. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey reported there may be some state financial assistance with a feasibility study and design at the intersection at K-68 & Davis Road. Commissioner Ramsey noted American Eagle's priority is the intersection at K-68 & Davis Road. American Eagle has reported they don't plan another expansion until K-68 & Davis Road has been addressed.

Commissioners' Reports

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed provided an update on Ottawa Main Street and replacement of the Director.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen reported Highway 56/59 from K-68 to Gardner is being looked at by KDOT. Kansas will be looking at growth and development opportunities in this area.

Strategic Planning Review

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed 2009-2010 Strategic Planning Objectives with Consultant Dick Hedges.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Mayor Jorgensen adjourned the meeting at 5:28 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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