

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of
February 17, 2010**

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 Jorgensen, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Fleer and Commissioner Ramsey. 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 Rev. James Wiese, Faith Lutheran Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the January 11 and January 25, and February 1, 2010 Study Sessions; and the January 20, 2010 Regular Meeting; and the February 3, 2010 Special Call Meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Consent Agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Declaration

Thereupon, 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.

Proclamation-Healthy Marriage Month

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen read 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 accepted the proclamation.

Resolution-Hasty Award

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing the City of Ottawa, Kansas to create and enter into a contract with Hasty Awards for the purpose of granting a property tax exemption pursuant to Article 11, Section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas and the tax exemption policy of the State of Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the resolution.

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During discussion it was explained the tax exemption is for a ten-year, 100% abatement for the Hasty Award facility, which recently located in the City's Industrial Park. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and the resolution was duly numbered Resolution No. 1511-10.

Ordinance-Hasty Award

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance exempting certain property from ad valorem taxation for Economic Development purposes in the City of Ottawa, Kansas, specifically for a \$1,865,000 Manufacturing and Warehouse facility. Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adopt the ordinance.

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Reports by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) policy being reviewed
- K-68 & David Road Intersection

Reports by City Commissioners

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer announced the Ottawa Police Department would be presenting the "McGruff Club 2010" at Ottawa Municipal Auditorium Feb. 20, 27, 2010. Registration starts at 8 am and the program ends at Noon.

Reports by Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen explained the importance in the City being involved in the Davis Road and K-68 Intersection. Traffic is sometimes backed up ½ mile on Davis Road. The City is making a conservative effort to get repairs made and receive assistance with the financing. The City will continue efforts to make necessary repairs to the road and a traffic device in this area.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. February 17, 2010: City/County/USD 290 Joint Luncheon, Franklin County Commission Chambers, Franklin County Annex
2. February 22, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
3. March 1, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
4. March 5, 2010: Special Call-Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30-9:00am, Sacred Heart Parish Center, 426 S Cedar

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Fler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:49 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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