

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
OTTAWA, KANSAS  
Minutes of  
February 22, 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, Commissioner Humm, and Commissioner Fler. 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 3, 2010 Regular Meeting and the February 8 and February 15, 2010, Study Sessions and agreed to place these items on the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 3, 2010.

**Ordinance-Rezone**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone 3521 US 59 Highway, an area in the Urban Growth Area (UGA), from Franklin County zoning to City zoning. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this rezone action by a 7-0 vote. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next regular meeting agenda.

**Ordinance-Rezone**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone a parcel of approximately 30 acres generally located at 2537 and 2551 Eisenhower Road, an area in the Urban Growth Area, from Franklin County zoning to City Public Use Zoning. The Planning Commission voted 3-3 on this issue.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt read a letter from Elizabeth Layton Center, Executive Director, Diane Drake who clarified the Center's position on the rezone. The letter stated the Elizabeth Layton Center being a public service organization and having no interest in developing the property for anything commercial supports a "public" zoning classification. The ELC believes "public" zoning would be appropriate for all of their property, and requested the Governing Body approve the zoning classification to "public".

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about the zoning for the 5 acres currently being considered as a location for a juvenile detention center. Thereupon, it was explained the zoning for the juvenile detention center is consistent with current County zoning and either commercial or public zoning through the City.

Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for March 3.  
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### **Ottawa Optimist Club Request**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from City Manager Executive Assistant Leslie Quillen who explained the request from the Optimist Club is for use of City Park on Saturday, June 26, 2010, for the purpose of hosting Ottawa Youth Day.

During discussion it was explained “Cowboy Days” has been canceled and the Optimist Club is hoping to pick up some of the activities for the youth that had been included during the “Cowboy Days” event. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to approve this request.

### **Northeast Sanitary Sewer Lift Station**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Utility Director Jim Bradley who reviewed the need to provide future sanitary sewer services. Mr. Bradley explained the need for this project was first identified in the 1993 Black & Veatch, Water and Wastewater Extension of Services report. The project will serve the Eastgate Travel Plaza, Tallgrass Estates, Neosho County Community College and additional growth in the area. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to allow staff to request bids for the project and bring it back.

### **City Manager’s Report**

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt requested Commissioner Ramsey provided an update on the airport hangar project. Commissioner Ramsey stated the floor plan by Loyd Builders has been reviewed with changes requested. A “wish list” of approximately 20 items has been made. Loyd Builders will put together cost estimates on the “wish list” and bring the information back to the committee. Commissioner Ramsey explained as soon as updated information is available he will bring it to the Governing Body.

Thereupon, Public Works Director Andy Haney explained the FAA forms for this project are moving forward.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey stated Mr. Haney is looking at possible grants available in 2010 that might be used towards this project or other improvements at the airport.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated Human Resources Director Melissa Fairbanks continues to work with the insurance company for damage reimbursement.

### **Mayor’s Report**

Thereupon, the Mayor announced 53 tickets have been sold for the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast on March 5. Additional tickets are still available for purchase.

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**Adjournment**

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

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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