

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
OTTAWA, KANSAS  
Minutes of  
April 26, 2010**

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

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

**Public Comments**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Greg Hernandez, 204 S Elm, who discussed a police matter.

**Proclamation-Fair Housing Month**

Thereupon, Mayor Reed read a proclamation recognizing April 2010 as Fair Housing Month. Thereupon, the proclamation was accepted by ECKAN Director Richard Jackson.

**Emergency Shelter Grant Application**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Peg McFadden, Homeless Education Coordinator for USD 290, and Anita Poe Wiley, LMSW, District Social Worker Homeless Liaison who reviewed a proposal to partner with the City of Ottawa to submit an application for an Emergency Shelter Grant Application. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, to authorize the Mayor to sign the application. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the partnership and signing of the application duly approved.

**Review of Minutes**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed minutes from the April 19, 2010 Study Session and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for May 5.

**Proclamation-Peace Officers Memorial Day**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day and agreed to place this item on the next regular agenda.

**Ordinance-Conditional Use Permit**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance for a conditional use permit to allow the continued use of a medical office on the property located at 602 S Maple. The property owner has requested this conditional use permit. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone action by a 4-1 vote. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for May 5.

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### **Ordinance-Urban Growth Area**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone 2706 Kingman Road in the Urban Growth Area from Franklin County C-2 Highway Commercial District to City C-3 General Commercial District. The property owner has requested this rezone. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone action by a 5-0 vote. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

### **Interviews for Library Board**

Thereupon, the Governing Body interviewed Liz Reush and Melvin Bauck for one Library Board position. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to appoint Melvin Bauck to the Library Board. The Governing Body requested Ms. Reush be notified it was a tough decision to make and the Governing Body hoped she would apply in the future.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey reported Zarco would like to have Sunday Sales for retail liquor and cereal malt beverage. During discussion it was explained when this issue was discussed before the majority of the local businesses did not want to be open on Sunday.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey discussed reviewing the City of Ottawa's tax abatement policy in the near future. Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated the policy will be brought to the Governing Body in May.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey reported the Airport Committee meets Wednesday, April 28.

### **Mayor's Report**

Thereupon, Mayor Reed announced the Arbor Day Tree planting will be held on Friday, April 30 at 2 pm.

### **Announcements**

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. May 3, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
2. May 5, 2010: Next Regular Meeting, at 7 pm
3. May 31, 2010: City offices closed-Memorial Day

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Jorgensen 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.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk  
April 26, 2010