

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of
April 21, 2010**

The City Governing Body met at 7 pm this date for the Regular City Commission Meeting with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Jorgensen, Commissioner Fler, Commissioner Ramsey, Commissioner Humm, and Commissioner Reed. 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 Leonard Chesbro from New Life in Christ.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the March 29, April 5 and April 12, 2010 Study Sessions, and the April 7, 2010 Regular Minutes. 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-Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Thereupon, the Mayor read a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and April 27, 2010 as Child Abuse Awareness Blue Day. The proclamation was accepted by Sara Caylor, Executive Director of CASA, Court-Appointed Special Advocates.

Resolution-General Obligation

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing the public sale of approximately \$1,000,000 principal amount of General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2010A, of the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution authorizes the sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes for public building improvements at the Ottawa Municipal Airport. Bids are due at 10 am on May 5, 2010. 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. 1513-10.

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Comments from Mayor Blake Jorgensen

Thereupon, Mayor Blake Jorgensen, outgoing Mayor discussed the following:

- It has been a difficult year
- North water tower
- North substation
- Underground 16" water line
- Growth in Ottawa
- School funding cuts

In closing comments Mayor Jorgensen thanked his wife Kelly and family for their support during his term as Mayor.

City Commission Reorganization: Nominations for Mayor for the 2010-2011 Term

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen requested nominations for the position of Mayor for the 2010-2011 Term. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to nominate Commissioner Reed as Mayor for the 2010-2011 Term. The motion was considered and was received by acclamation. Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen declared Commissioner Reed as Mayor for the 2010-2011.

Mayor's Oath of Office

Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Reed.

Comments from Newly Appointed Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Reed thanked Commissioner Jorgensen for his service as Mayor and presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Mayor Reed expressed appreciation for Commissioner Jorgensen's strong leadership and his leading the commission with grace.

Thereupon, Mayor Reed stated she was honored to serve as Mayor and spoke to the following:

- Next couple of years could be difficult
- Important for the City of Ottawa to continue sound financial standards
- Need to spend wisely
- Energy efficiencies, partner with County
- Airport improvements are upcoming
- Governing Body will continue studying issues, and hope to get citizens involved
- Quote: "Service is the rent we pay for living here"
- Explore "shared" partnerships

City Commission Reorganization: Nominations for Mayor pro tem for the 2010-2011 Term

Thereupon, Mayor Reed requested nominations for Mayor pro tem for the 2010-2011 Term. Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to appoint Sara Humm as Mayor pro tem for the 2010-2011 Term. The motion was considered and was received by acclamation. Thereupon, the Mayor declared Commissioner Humm as Mayor pro tem for the 2010-2011.

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Mayor pro tem Oath of Office

Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird administered the Oath of Office to Mayor pro tem Humm.

Report by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt congratulated the newly appointed Mayor and Mayor pro tem. Mr. Nienstedt expressed appreciation for the strong elected leadership, working together for the good of the community.

Mr. Nienstedt announced Merrill Smith has been named “Firefighter of the Year” by the local VFW. The City Manager stated he was proud of the city employees working as a Team.

The City Manager reminded everyone there will be a reception in honor of the Governing Body once the meeting is adjourned.

Reports by City Commissioners

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey congratulated Commissioner Humm in being named Student Body President at Ottawa University.

Thereupon, Commissioner Fler reminded everyone that Trinity Methodist Church will be holding a playground equipment celebration on April 25 from Noon – 2 pm.

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm thanked the Governing Body for the appointment of Mayor pro tem and congratulated Mayor Reed for her appointment.

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm announced the Ottawa University Newspaper staff had recently received 22 awards and invited everyone to pick up a copy of the newspaper in the lobby area.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. April 26, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
2. May 3, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
3. May 5, 2010: Regular Meeting at 7pm

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 at 7:27 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk
April 21, 2010