

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of
March 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 Fler, and Commissioner Ramsey. Commissioner Humm and Reed were attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. 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 City Clerk Carolyn Snethen.

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 February 22 and March 1, 2010 Study Sessions. 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-National Nutrition Month

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen read a proclamation recognizing National Nutrition Month. Thereupon, Brenda Pfizenmaier, Director of Diabetes and Nutrition Services, Ransom Memorial Hospital, accepted the proclamation.

Public Hearing- Neosho County Community College

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen stated a public hearing for the consideration of the issuance of educational facility revenue bonds is needed.

During discussion Mayor Jorgensen explained this public hearing has been called for the consideration of the issuance of Educational Facility Revenue Bonds. Neosho County Community College Foundation approached the City of Ottawa for assistance in the development of a new campus for Neosho County Community College. A request has been made to issue Educational Facility Revenue Bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,270,000. These funds will pay the costs associated with acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping an educational facility within the City of Ottawa.

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Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen opened the Public Hearing at 9:39 am.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Kutak Rock LLP Bond Attorney Dotty Riley who provided an overview of the proposed issuance of the educational facility revenue bonds.

Thereupon, Bond Attorney Dotty Riley clarified for the Governing Body that the city had no liability in the proposed bonds. If Neosho County Community College were to default the Bond holders would have the liability. There isn't any liability to City funds.

There being no one else to speak to this issue Mayor Jorgensen closed the Public Hearing at 9:43 am.

First Quarter Recognition of City Employees

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen stated the City Commission would like to recognize City employees who have been promoted or have recently completed educational and professional development programs. Thereupon, the following employees were recognized:

Larabe Alexander, Police

Larabe recently graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and is now certified as a law enforcement officer. His title has changed from Animal Control Officer to Community Services Officer (CSO). His primary duties involving animal control remain unchanged. However, he can now write his own reports and make physical arrests when necessary. Once he receives additional street training, he will assume more duties that will better assist patrol officers and the citizens of Ottawa.

Oscar Taylor, Planning and Codes Department

The Kansas Association of Code Enforcement sets standards for code enforcement officers around the state and offers training in various areas of code enforcement throughout the year. The training includes legal notice, nuisance areas, neighborhood disputes, right of entry, recovery of costs and many other topics. Oscar joins Tom Yahl and Charlotte Newkirk, other City staff, as a certified code enforcement officer.

Tabitha Allis, Public Works/Parks

Tabitha has obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Management from Ottawa University.

Melissa Fairbanks, Human Resources

Melissa has been certified as an IPMA-HR Certified Professional. The International Public Management Association for Human Resources and is an organization that represents the interests of human resource professionals at the Federal, State and Local levels of government. This certification program was developed to encourage continuous learning; therefore, recertification is required every three years through continuing education and leadership activities.

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Resolution-Public Building Improvements

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing public building improvements at the Ottawa Municipal Airport and calling for a public hearing on April 7, 2010, at 7 pm for the consideration of the issuance of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the consideration of the proposed public building improvements. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained in July 2009, the Ottawa Municipal Airport sustained significant damage during a storm. This resolution is part of the rebuilding process, and will help finance construction at the Municipal Airport. Thereupon, 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. 1512-10.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. March 17, 2010: City/County/School Joint Luncheon canceled due to Spring Break.
2. March 22, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
1. March 29, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
2. April 7, 2010: Next Regular Meeting at 7 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, 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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