

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
March 29, 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, and Commissioner Humm. Commissioner Fleer was absent. A quorum was present.

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

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Proclamation-Arbor Day

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for April 7, 2010.

Ordinance- Rezone

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone an area in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) from Franklin County Zoning to City Zoning. Addresses included in this rezone are: 2975 Pawnee Road, 1609 N Davis Avenue; 1619 N Davis Avenue; 1623 N Davis Avenue; 1723 N Davis Avenue; 3555 Montana Road; 2780 Sand Creek Road; 2909 Sand Creek Road; 2001 E Wilson; 2301 E Wilson; 3550 Nebraska Road; and 3698 Montana Road.

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer arrived at 4:05 pm.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone action by a 6-0 vote. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this ordinance on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Ordinance-Rezone

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone an area in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) from Franklin County Zoning to City Zoning. The address included in this rezone is 3019 Pawnee Road. The property owner made the request to rezone in order to separate the house from the agricultural land. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone action by a 6-0 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 the property located at 217 W Wilson from C-3 General Commercial District, to MU/CA, Mixed Use Commercial/Industrial District. The property owner made the request to rezone. 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.

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Ottawa Volunteers in Police Service

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Police Chief Dennis Butler inviting the City Commission and interested citizens to attend a reception honoring the Ottawa Volunteers in Police Service and reserve officers to be held at 6 pm on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the Municipal Court, 715 W Second Street.

Stormwater Utility Fee

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from City Manager Intern Casey Sharp who presented a report on the development of a stormwater utility fee.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt requested direction from the Governing Body. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to allow staff to move forward on this project noting the City must do something due to Federal mandates. It was explained some cities have already experienced penalties. Mr. Nienstedt stated additional information will be brought back to the Governing Body as it becomes available.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Youth Delegate Darrah Jorgensen who reported on the service project and the upcoming rain garden planting at Kanza Park on May 5.

February Monthly Financial and Activity Reports

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen requested consideration to defer the monthly reports until the next study session. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to defer the reports until the April 5 Study Session.

Commissioners' Reports

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed discussed changes to the conceal carry law.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey discussed the new smoking ban law starting July 1.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey discussed the airport hangar project and requested a consensus from the Governing Body on the amount the City would fund. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to have the project funding amount capped at \$1,000,000 and include any insurance proceeds that might be available.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen reported he wouldn't be available to attend the April 5 Work Study Session. Therefore, Mayor pro tem Sara Humm will chair the meeting.

Thereupon, Mayor Jorgensen requested the City Commission "reorganization" discussion be placed on the April 12th or 19th meeting agenda.

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Adjournment

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

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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