

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of July 21, 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 Reed, Commissioner Ramsey, Commissioner Humm, and Commissioner Fleer. Commissioner Jorgensen was absent. 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 Pastor Tim Soule, from Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the June 7, June 14, June 21 and June 28, 2010 Study Sessions; and the June 16, 2010 Regular Meeting. 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-Americans with Disabilities Act

Thereupon, Mayor Reed read a proclamation recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed 20 years ago this month. In recognition of the anniversary, Adam Burnett, from the Resource Center for Independent Living, accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation-Play Day

Thereupon, Mayor Reed read a proclamation recognizing July 29, 2010 as Play Day. This proclamation recognizes the role of play as a significant element of the quality of life in our community. Thereupon, City Manager Intern Casey Sharp, ORC Representative James Boyd, and Therron Dieckmann and Family accepted the proclamation.

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Resolution-Immediate Hazard 823 Tremont

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution declaring the garage structure at 823 Tremont within the City of Ottawa, Kansas as an immediate hazard. It was explained this resolution authorizes the immediate razing of the partial garage located at 823 Tremont. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adopt the resolution. 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. 1523-10.

Resolution-Capital Improvement Program

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution to adopt a Capital Improvement Program for the City of Ottawa. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this program by a 6-0 vote. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flear, to adopt the resolution. 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. 1524-10.

Financial Statements of 2009

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to accept the independent auditor's report on the Financial Statements of 2009 for the City of Ottawa. Each year the financial statements of the City are audited by an outside auditing firm. The 2009 report was prepared by Lowenthal, Webb & Odermann, P.A. Staff requests acceptance of the report. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flear, to accept the auditors report for 2009. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Financial Statements for 2009 duly approved.

Resolution-GAAP-Based Accounting

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing the City of Ottawa, Kansas to request the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the statutory requirement to use GAAP-Based Accounting for the reporting of Fiscal Year 2010. Thereupon, Commissioner Flear made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this is an annual procedural request to formalize the format of financial accounting reports for the City of Ottawa for the 2010 fiscal year. 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. 1525-10.

Reports by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- Reminder: Joint luncheon held today at noon and hosted by USD 290

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- Lt. Shawn Dillon: Serving with the National Guards and recently served in Egypt has returned to Ottawa. Lt. Dillon was welcomed home recently at a ceremony in Topeka and Mr. Nienstedt thanked him for his service to his country.
- On a sad note, City Employee Michael Ball passed away. The funeral services are being held in Anthony, Kansas today with Human Resource Director Melissa Fairbanks attending to represent the City of Ottawa.

Thereupon, on behalf of the Governing Body and City Staff Mayor Reed offered condolences to the Ball family.

Reports by the Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Reed encouraged everyone to attend the “Play Day” event on July 29. Mayor Reed explained she had recently attended an educational meeting on diabetes and the importance of exercise.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced the following:

1. July 21, 2010: Joint City/County/USD 290 Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, USD 290 Offices, 416 S Main
2. July 26, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
3. August 2, 2010: Study Session at 4 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 9:52 a.m.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk