

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
OTTAWA, KANSAS  
Minutes of  
August 23, 2010**

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

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

**Public Comments**

None offered at this time.

**Review of Minutes**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed minutes from the August 9, 2010 Study Session and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for September 1.

**Ordinance-Special Use Permit**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to grant a Special Use Permit to Franklin County for a construction and debris landfill located in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) at 3268 Osborne Terrace. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Study Session Agenda for August 30 for additional discussion.

**City Manager's Report**

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- Selection of LKM voting delegates for the Oct. 9-12 annual conference.
- Requested City Manager Intern Casey Sharp show examples of the signs the city received in honor of being a "Playful City U.S.A."

**Commissioners' Reports**

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about "Pay Day" loans in communities our size. Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated information would be brought to the Governing Body.

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer inquired what stage the tax abatement policy was. Thereupon, Mr. Nienstedt explained the policy would be close to being completed with one more meeting scheduled before it was brought to the Governing Body.

**Mayor's Report**

Thereupon, the Mayor discussed the following:

- Ottawa Municipal Auditorium air conditioner grant; City Manager Intern Casey Sharp explained no official word on being awarded the grant had been received. However, Staff has been invited to attend the grant training.

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- Notifying the public of road closings; Public Works Director Andy Haney assured the Governing Body the information of road closings has been advertized through the media and city web site.
- A letter has been received from the League of Kansas Municipalities to invite the city to submit a nomination to the board for 2010-2011. The deadline for the nomination is September 10.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey stated former Mayor Richard Jackson had been a past President of the League of Kansas Municipalities with all past Presidents would be honored at the upcoming league conference.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen explained a school employee was at the school helping direct parents and the process appeared to be working. Commissioner Jorgensen thanked staff for their work on traffic issues in the school areas.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about the 15<sup>th</sup> and Ash traffic issue. Thereupon, Public Works Director Andy Haney explained the decision at this time showed nothing needed to be done currently. Staff will continue to watch the area and work with the school district.

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about the new school signal lights on Cedar Street by Sacred Heart School. Thereupon, Staff explained the lights are solar powered and some tree trimming in the area is needed for visibility.

### **Announcements**

Thereupon, the Mayor announced the following:

1. August 30, 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.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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