

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of November 3, 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 Reed, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Ramsey, 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 Director of Finance Scott Bird.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the October 6, 2010 Regular Meeting and the October 18, 2010 Study Session. 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.

Swearing in a 2010-2011 Youth in Government Member

Thereupon, it was explained one additional student has been accepted to the Youth in Government program. Ottawa High School sophomore BriAnna Stephenson.

Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird administered the oath of office to BriAnna Stephenson.

Proclamation-National American Indian Heritage Month

Thereupon, there was presented a proclamation recognizing November 2010 as National American Indian Heritage Month. National American Indian Heritage was first formally recognized by proclamation by President Ronald Regan in 1986 as a weeklong event. In 1990, this recognition moved to the entire month of November and was first proclaimed as such by President George H. W. Bush. Thereupon, Mayor Reed read the proclamation and the proclamation was accepted by Emily Kirkpatrick, Regent of General Edward Hand Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Proclamation-Veterans' Awareness Week

Thereupon, there was presented a proclamation recognizing November 5-11, 2010 as Veterans' Awareness Week. November 11 is Veterans' Day. This proclamation recognizes the service and sacrifice that our veterans have given our country. The proclamation will be formally presented at the opening of the Healing Field of Flags at Forest Park on Friday, November 5. Thereupon, Mayor Reed read the proclamation and it was presented to Harold Mayes, Chair of the Veterans' Day Celebration Committee.

Public Hearing-Condemnation 834 Pecan

Thereupon, the Mayor opened a public hearing for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 834 Pecan. The public hearing is being called for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 834 Pecan.

Thereupon, the Public Hearing opened at 7:11 pm.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Charlotte Newkirk, Planning Administrative Assistant, who presented the details of the request of consideration of the condemnation of 834 Pecan.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from property owner Bill Lee, 509 S. Locust, who clarified his options on 834 Pecan.

This action means the property owner does have extra time to remove or repair.

There being no one else to speak to this issue the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm.

Resolution-Condemnation 834 Pecan

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution to condemn an unsafe and dangerous structure located at 834 Pecan in the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution authorizes the Governing Body to declare the structure at 834 Pecan to be unsafe or dangerous, and to direct that such structures be made safe and secure, or be demolished. 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. 1535-10.

Public Hearing-1037 N Sycamore

Thereupon, the Mayor opened a public hearing for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 1037 N Sycamore. The public hearing is being called for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 1037 N Sycamore.

Thereupon, the Public Hearing opened at 7:17 pm.
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Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from property owner Greg Hernandez, 204 S Elm, who discussed issues with trying to get the property repaired.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Charlotte Newkirk, Planning Administrative Assistant, who explained the property was not owner-occupied and general contractors would have to be hired to repair most of the major items such as plumbing, electric, HVAC etc.

This action means the property owner does have extra time to remove or repair.

There being no one else to speak to this issue the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.

Resolution-Condemnation 1037 N Sycamore

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution to condemn an unsafe and dangerous structure located at 1037 N Sycamore in the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution authorizes the Governing Body to declare the structure at 1037 N Sycamore to be unsafe or dangerous, and to direct that such structures be made safe and secure, or be demolished. 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. 1536-10.

Resolution-General Obligation Refunding (Refinancing)

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Refunding (Refinancing) Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained the City has an opportunity to refinance the existing debt associated with the Southeast Electric Substation. The City has the potential to realize an estimated savings of \$200,000 through 2023 and shorten the payback period by one year. In the event that the bond market shifts and these savings are no longer possible, the City has the ability to stop the refunding process and remain with the current financing arrangement. 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. 1537-10.

Ordinance-Zoning Regulations Temporary Uses

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance amending Article 24, Section 24-5, Temporary Uses, Number 24-501 by adding Number 9 and changing Letter B for the City of Ottawa Zoning Regulations. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adopt the resolution.

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During discussion it was explained the Planning Commission recommended approval of these amendments to the Supplemental District Regulations by a 7-0 vote. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3768-10.

Ordinance-Urban Growth Area (UGA)

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone an area in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) from Franklin County Zoning to City Zoning. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained this ordinance rezones these properties from Franklin County Zoning to City Zoning: 3047 Neosho Road, 2975 Neosho Road, 180 N Cottonwood, 1900 E Logan, 2945 Neosho Road, 220 N Cottonwood, 1601 E Seventh Street, 301 N Cottonwood, 1231 E Seventh Street and 1301 E Seventh Street. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone by a 5-0 vote. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 3769-10.

Ottawa University Student Body Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Sophomore Class Representative Andrew McCluney who reported on activities and events taking place at Ottawa University.

Report by Mayor

Thereupon, the Mayor thanked everyone that took the time and voted.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. November 8, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
2. November 11, 2010: Veterans' Day- City Office Closed
3. November 17, 2010: Next Regular Meeting at 9:30 am

Adjournment

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