

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of December 15, 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 Jorgensen, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Fleer, and Commissioner Ramsey. 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 Reverend Joel Fredrikson, First Baptist Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the Agenda, Minutes from October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15, and November 22, 2010 Study Sessions; the November 3, and November 17, 2010 Regular Meetings; and the November 30, 2010 Special Call 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.

Public Hearing-Demolition 418 S Hickory

Thereupon, Mayor Reed opened a public hearing on the impact of the demolition of the residential structure located at 418 S Hickory. First Baptist Church, owners of the house at 418 S Hickory, has requested a permit to demolish the house. As required by state preservation statute K.S.A. 75-2724, this request was reviewed by the State Historical Preservation Officer, and was deemed to "encroach upon, damage or destroy" the Downtown Historic District. This hearing will consider all relevant factors and will determine if the proposed demolition represents the only reasonable and prudent alternative, and if the project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historical district.

Thereupon, the Public Hearing opened at 9:33 am.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee for the Church Bob Becker, 3058 Kingman Road who explained the request by the church to have the structure demolished at 418 S Hickory.

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Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Planning/Codes/Inspection Director Wynndee Lee who explained the church had applied for a demolition permit. Inspections were completed and the residential structure could be repaired but at a high cost and it wouldn't be a wise investment for the church. Therefore, the church requested permission to demolish the property.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:38 pm.

Resolution-Demolition 418 S Hickory

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution allowing the demolition of the residential structure located at 418 S Hickory. Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained that after consideration of the information presented in the hearing, this resolution allows the demolition of the house located at 418 S Hickory. The findings of the hearing show no reasonable and prudent alternative and this project includes all possible planning to minimize part to the historic district. 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. 1542-10.

Fourth Quarter City Employee Recognition

Thereupon, the Governing Body recognized City Employees Dennis Tharp, Superintendent of Electric Production and Terry Cloutier, Police Officer. Mr. Tharp was recognized having recently completed educational and professional development. Mr. Cloutier was introduced as a new employee who began working for the City on May 17, 2010.

Fixed-Base Operator-FBO

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to approve the contract for FBO (Fixed-Base Operator) operators and services lease at the Ottawa Municipal Airport. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to approve the contract.

During discussion it was explained this contract formalizes the agreement between the City of Ottawa and Chuck LeMaster, current FBO at the Ottawa Municipal Airport. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the contract duly approved.

Electric Master Plan

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to approve professional consulting services in order to update the Electric Master Plan. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to approve the request.

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During discussion it was explained the last Electric Master Plan was completed by Professional Engineering Consultants in 2002. In order to ensure the future power supply of the City of Ottawa, an update to the Master Plan is needed. Staff recommended Sawvel and Associates to conduct the study at a cost not to exceed \$55,000. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the request duly approved.

Report by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their leadership in the community.

Mr. Nienstedt announced the Joint Luncheon meeting will be held at the Franklin County Annex.

Reports by City Commissioners

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen reported on an article written by Assistant High School Principal Ryan Cobb that recognized the highlights and success of Ottawa High School students who participated in the Scholar Bowl Team.

Reports by Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Reed wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. December 15, 2010: Joint City/County/USD 290 Luncheon, at Noon, Franklin County Commission Chambers, Franklin County Annex, 1428 S Main.
2. December 20, 2010: Study Session at 4 pm
3. December 27, 2010: Study Session Canceled
4. January 5, 2011: Next Regular Meeting, 7 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Fler 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 at 9:50 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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