

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
January 3, 2011**

The Governing Body met at 4 pm this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Reed, Commissioner Jorgensen, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Ramsey, and Commissioner Fler. 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 the minutes from December 6, 2010 Study Session and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for January 5, 2011.

Proclamation-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for January 5, 2011.

Public Hearing Tax Exemption

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird who requested the consideration of a public hearing for a 10-year tax exemption for Big Bear Enterprises, LLC. The Public Hearing is requested for 9:30 am on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird explained this request is for a name change from Hasty to Big Bear Enterprises LLC. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the meeting for January 19 as requested.

Stormwater Management Program

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from the City Manager Intern Casey Sharp who provided an update on the Stormwater Management Program.

Monthly Financial and Activity Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed the Monthly Financial and Activity Report for the month of November.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Youth Delegate Courtney Evans who reported on the selected Youth Service Project of "Youth Mapping".

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt who reminded the Commissioners the "If I Were Mayor" responses are due back next week.

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Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Reed stated a thank you note has been received from Greg Vahrenberg, from Pimper Jaffray with regards to the recent General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010-B.

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. January 5, 2011: Next Regular Meeting, at 7 pm
2. January 17, 2011: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-City offices closed

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