

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
March 21, 2011**

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

Youth in Government

Thereupon, Mayor Reed welcomed back City Youth Representative Spencer Morgan who had been absent from meetings due to school activities.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the City's involvement with housing since 1992 which included discussion of a report created by Planning/Codes/Inspection Director Wynndee Lee. Ms. Lee's report included the City Strategic Plan as being instrumental in Franklin County Habitat for Humanity history.

Commissioners' Reports

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen inquired about the possibility of developing playgrounds at Hawthorne and Eisenhower by placing picnic tables. This would help develop additional neighborhood playgrounds. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to have the City Manager contact Dean Katts and work with the "Playful City" task force to pursue possible development.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Reed provided a report on her recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the National League of Cities conference. Mayor Reed stated the conference was very good and reminding our Legislatures of local issues was important.

Thereupon, Mayor Reed requested the Assistant to the City Manager Leslie Quillen provide an update on the "Take Charge Challenge" program. Thereupon, Ms. Quillen provided an update.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Jorgensen 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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