

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of April 20, 2011**

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 Jorgensen, 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 Pastor Tim Soule of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the Agenda, and Minutes from the March 28, and April 4, 2011 Study Sessions. 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.

Proclamation-Child Abuse Prevention

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm read a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and April 28, 2011 as Child Abuse Awareness Blue Day. April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Volunteers representing CASA, Court-appointed Special Advocates, of the Fourth Judicial District accepted the proclamation.

Resolution-Annexation 2597 US 59 Highway

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing for the consideration of annexation of the property located at 2597 US 59 Highway. Thereupon, Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fleer, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution calls for a public hearing to be held at a Special City Commission Meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. 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 1546-11.

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Resolution-Annexation 2515 E Logan

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing for the consideration of annexation of the property located at 2515 E Logan. Thereupon, Commissioner Fleer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to adopt the resolution.

During discussion it was explained this resolution calls for a public hearing to be held at a Special City Commission meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. 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. 1547-11.

KMEA Board of Directors Appointment

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a nomination to appoint Linda Reed to the KMEA Board of Directors. The Kansas Municipal Energy Agency calls for the appointment of the Board of Directors every two years. Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen nominated Mayor Reed, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to serve on the KMEA Board of Directors. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the appointment duly approved.

Recognition of Commissioners' Service

Thereupon, Mayor Reed made remarks about the service of Rocky Fleer and Sara Humm as City Commissioners. Commissioner Humm and Fleer were present plaques of appreciation for their service.

Oath of Office for Commissioners'-Elect

Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird administered the oath of office to the newly elected Commissioners Sara Caylor, Blake Jorgensen and Jeffrey Richards.

Comments from Mayor Linda Reed

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Mayor Reed who made remarks on her experience as Mayor and thoughts for the future.

City Commission Reorganization: Mayor for 2011-2012 Term

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to nominate Commissioner Ramsey as Mayor for the 2011-2012 term. The motion was considered and upon being put all present voted aye. Thereupon, Mayor Reed declared the nomination duly approved.

Oath of Office-Mayor

Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird administered the oath of office to Mayor Ramsey.

Comments from Newly-Appointed Mayor

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from newly appointed Mayor Gene Ramsey who thanked departing Mayor Reed for her service and presented her with a plaque of appreciation.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey shared remarks on being appointed as Mayor and thoughts on the future.

City Commission Reorganization: Mayor pro tem for 2011-2012 Term

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to nominate Commissioner Jorgensen as Mayor pro tem for the 2011-2012 term. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the nomination duly approved.

Oath of Office-Mayor pro tem

Thereupon, Director of Finance Scott Bird administered the oath of office to Mayor pro tem Blake Jorgensen.

Ottawa University Student Body Report

Thereupon, Commissioner Humm reported on the following:

- Finals next week
- Student Body paper received awards recently
- Graduation is May 7, 2011

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, 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 7:41 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk