

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of June 1, 2011**

The City Governing Body met at 7pm this date for the Regular City Commission Meeting with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Ramsey, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Jorgensen, and Commissioner Caylor. 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 Rev. Leonard Cheasbro, New Life in Christ Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the Agenda. 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-Cancer Awareness Days

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed read a proclamation recognizing May 28th – June 4th as Cancer Awareness Days. This year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. This proclamation recognizes this event, as well as, those who lives have been touched by cancer. Thereupon, the proclamation was received by "Relay for Life" Representative Lori Smith.

Ordinance-Rezoning Urban Growth Area

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance rezoning an area with the Urban Growth Area, Franklin County, Kansas, and updating the section of the zoning map which is part of Ordinance No. 3501-05 of the City of Ottawa. Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to adopt the ordinance.

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During discussion it was explained the addresses included in this rezone include: 3063 Labette Road, 3140 Marshall Road, 2754 Nebraska Road; 2840 Nebraska Road, 2880 Nebraska Road, 2961 Labette Road, 3034 Labette Terrace, 2774 Nebraska Road, 2935 Labette Road, 2941 Labette Road, 2820 Nebraska Road, 3011 Labette Road, 3018 Labette Terrace, 3039 Labette Terrace, 3060 Labette Terrace, 3067 Labette Terrace, 3072 Labette Terrace. 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. 3786-11.

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During discussion it was explained addresses included in this rezone include: 2208 E 15th Street and 2216 E. 15th. The Planning Commission recommended approval of these rezones with 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. 3787-11.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Gabby Bowers who provided an update on the Youth Delegate service project.

Reports by City Manager

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt requested Chief of Police Dennis Butler report on the recent 3rd Annual Memorial Service honoring all Fallen Law Enforcement Officers held May 26th, at 6 pm, First Assembly of God, 520 E 13th Street.

Thereupon, Police Chief Butler reported on the event.

City Commissioners Report

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor reported on the recent ribbon cutting at Forest Park to celebrate the new climbing structures at Forest Park and Freedom Park.

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards reported on a recent utility billing inquiry he had received.

Report by Mayor

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey praised the Cemetery Staff for the cemeteries looking so nice for Memorial Day this year.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt explained he had visited several cemeteries during the Memorial Day holiday and none looked as good as Ottawa's.

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Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey discussed tornado sirens being tested on Monday's and during a "Tornado Warning".

Announcements

Thereupon, the Mayor announced:

1. June 6, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
2. June 13, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
3. June 15, 2011: Next Regular Meeting at 9:30 am
4. June 15, 2011: Joint City/County/USD 290 Luncheon, 12 Noon, City Commission Chambers, at City Hall
5. June 22, 2011: Special Call Meeting, at 7 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, 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 7:19 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk