

**CITY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Commission Chambers  
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas  
Minutes of July 6, 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 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 Director of Finance Scott Bird.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey requested an amendment to the agenda as follows: Item 12. Youth in Government Reports be moved to Item 9.

**Consent Agenda**

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to approve the consent agenda as amended. 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.

**Youth in Government Report**

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from the following Youth Delegates who reported on their service in the Youth in Government Program: Danon Taylor, Jordan Gray, Ty Lutz, Spencer Morgan, BriAnna Stephenson, Dalton Blankenship, and Zach George.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Youth Director Lisa Rivers who thanked the City for budget support and treating the Youth as a true part of this community. In addition, Ms. Rivers announced there are 12 rain barrels still available for purchase at ECKAN for \$50 each.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey thanked the Youth and Ms. Rivers for their participation in our community and congratulated them on a job well done.

**Proclamation-Reading Tornado Relief Day**

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey read a proclamation recognizing July 23, 2011 as Reading Tornado Relief Day. In times of crisis and natural disaster, communities come together to lend aid and July 6, 2011

help our friends and neighbors. After the May 21, 2011 tornado, the community of Reading, Kansas is in need of this aid, and the citizens of Ottawa are coming together to help. July 23, 2011 will be Reading Tornado Relief Day. Thereupon, Joni Scribner and Kathy Reynolds accepted the proclamation.

### **Proclamation-July 2011 Park & Recreation Month**

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor read a proclamation recognizing July 2011 as Park and Recreation Month. The City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Recreation Commission work in partnership to provide aspects of healthy, active lifestyles for our citizens and community. Since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association have sponsored Park and recreation Month to emphasize the exciting and vital role that parks and recreation play in the lives of Americans. Therron Dieckmann, Executive Director, Ottawa Recreation Commission, accepted the proclamation.

### **Ordinance-Rezone 120 N Willow**

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance rezoning an area within the City of Ottawa, Kansas, and repealing the corresponding section of the zoning map, which is part of Ordinance No. 3501-05 of the City of Ottawa, Kansas. Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adopt the ordinance.

During discussion it was explained the property owners of 120 N Willow requested the zoning classification be rezoned from Franklin County R-E, Residential Estate Zoning to City I-1, Light Industrial Zoning District. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezone with a 4-0 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. 3788-11.

### **Reports by City Commissioners**

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor reported very favorably on the Ottawa Jaycees Firework display and thanked everyone for attending.

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor announced "Pennies for Parks" and explained the project is for ADA equipment in Kanza Park.

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed acknowledged employees who went and built a ramp at the Reading, Kansas, City Hall.

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards explained July 4<sup>th</sup> was the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Independence was declared from Great Britain and a strong dependence on God.

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards encouraged everyone to attend the City Band concerts held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 am.

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Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen reported on the recent City Commissioner “retreat” and City Department Heads will be sharing their priorities as well.

### **Executive Session**

#### **Recess**

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to recess into Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for a period of 10 minutes with the City Attorney and City Manager invited to attend. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

#### **Reconvene**

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to reconvene into the Regular City Commission meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened into regular session at 7:47pm.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, 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 7:48 pm.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk