

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
July 11, 2011**

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

Mayor Ramsey 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 minutes from the May 16 and May 23, 2011 Study Sessions, and the May 18 and June 1, 2011 Regular Meetings and agreed to place these items on the next Regular Commission Meeting with a change.

Proclamation-Play Day

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing July 23, 2011, as Play Day and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting.

Discussion on 2012 Budget

Thereupon, the Governing Body discussed the following 2013 Budgets:

- Jaycees/Fireworks
- Ottawa Main Street Association
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Youth in Government

Stormwater Utility Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird and Staff who reported on the Stormwater Utility. Discussion included a fee of \$4.50 per month as the average cost to most residential properties. The proposed utility fee is scheduled to be implemented January 1, 2012. However, Mr. Bird stated he would advise this fee be added as soon as the ordinance can be adopted.

Information Technology Priority Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Information Technology Chuck Bigham who provided a report on the IT Department priorities.

Playground Development

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Management Analyst Casey Sharp who provided a report on playground development.

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Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey presented Commissioner Jorgensen with a book titled KABOOM by Jim Herndon. Mayor Ramsey acknowledged the volunteer service Commissioner Jorgensen and his wife participated in after hurricane "Katrina" in New Orleans.

Monthly Financial and Activity Reports-May

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed the Monthly Financial and Activity Reports for the month of May. The May reports had been deferred from the June 27 Study Session.

Youth in Government Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Spencer Morgan who reported the last day of Youth in Government was near and it had been a good year.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

1. Commission approval of Mayor as Chamber of Commerce voting member
2. County/City Joint Budget Open House being planned for July 20th

Commissioners' Report

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards announced the American Legion Baseball tournament will be held in Ottawa July 27th – July 31st.

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor reported on taking the \$2,000 donation from the City of Ottawa to the City of Joplin, Missouri.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen reported on the recent "Habitat" golf tournament and the ability to have discussions with AT&T representatives and Senator Pat Apple.

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed reported representatives of Professional Business Women recently received a tour of the Capital with Representative TerriLois Gregory.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen announced he will not be attending the next two meetings.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey introduced Consultant John Devine who has been moderating "Retreats" with the Governing Body and City Staff.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey announced the budget will be brought back at the next Study Session for further discussion.

Adjournment

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

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk