

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of August 17, 2011**

The City Governing Body met at 9:30 am this date for the Regular City Commission Meeting with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Ramsey, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Caylor, and Commissioner Jorgensen. 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 Reverend Scott Dickinson, Cherry Street Wesleyan Church.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the June 27 and July 11, 2011 Study Sessions; the June 22, 2011 Special Call Meeting; and the July 6, 2011 Regular Meeting. 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.

Public Hearing – 2597 US 59 Highway

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey announced a public hearing for the consideration of annexation of the property located at 2597 US 59 Highway, continued from the August 3, 2011 Regular Meeting for the purpose of hearing public comments related to the annexation.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey continued the public hearing at 9:33 am.

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from City Attorney Bob Bezek who recommended the Public Hearing and the proposed ordinance for annexation be continued until the next morning Regular Meeting scheduled for September 21, 2011 at 9:30 am to allow Legal Counsel (for Mr. Shay) an opportunity to receive requested documentation from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

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Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to continue the Public Hearing and table the related ordinance until the Regular Meeting to be held on September 21, 2011 at 9:30 am. Thereupon, the motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor duly declared the public hearing continued and the related ordinance tabled.

Cereal Malt Beverage – Love’s Travel Plaza

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an application for a Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) license, original and unopened containers, not for consumption on the premises, made by Love’s Travel Stop #258. Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve the application.

During discussion it was explained the application has been reviewed by the Police Department, Fire Department, and the City Attorney, with no cause for denial discovered. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the application duly approved.

Redevelopment Agreement – Loves Project

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to approve the First Amendment to the First Redevelopment Agreement for the South TIF District Redevelopment Project Area 1. Thereupon, Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to approve the request.

During discussion it was explained this action will allow the City’s Bond Counsel to move forward with the Transportation Development District (TDD) financing, which is part of the Redevelopment Agreement for the Loves Project. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the request duly approved.

Reappointment – KMGGA Board of Directors

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to authorize the reappointment of Jim Bradley to the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency (KMGGA) Board of Directors. Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to approve the request.

During discussion it was explained in accordance with their bylaws, The Kansas Municipal Gas Agency calls for the appointment of the Board of Directors every two years. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the request duly approved.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, on behalf of the City Manager, Director of Finance Scott Bird reported on the following:

- August 17, 2011: Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Image Award, Garfield Elementary, at 11:45 am
- August 17, 2011: Special Call Meeting: Joint City Commission/City Department Directors Retreat, Neosho County Community College, 5-8 pm

City Commissioner's Report

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- August 22, 2011: Fusion event, at City Park, 6 pm
- Welcomed OU students back
- Reminded everyone school begins Friday, slow down around schools

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards commended City Staff and the Park Director for the park looking nice for the Extreme Home Makeover BBQ event.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen stated August has five Mondays and recommended the August 22, 2011 Study Session be canceled. Thereupon, the City Manager's office will notify the Governing Body if the meeting is canceled.

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 9:46 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk