

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of October 19, 2011**

The City Governing Body met at 8:30 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 Director of Finance Scott Bird.

Consent Agenda

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the September 21, 2011 Regular Meeting; and the September 26 and October 3, 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

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Ted Fogle, 1521 S Maple, who discussed the condition of Kingman Road.

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-Month of the Young Adolescent

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen read a proclamation recognizing October as Month of the Young Adolescent. In conjunction with the National Middle School Association, the City of Ottawa proclaims October as the Month of the Young Adolescent, recognizing ages 10 through 15 as a significant developmental period for the physical, mental, social, moral and emotion growth of our youth. Thereupon, Executive Director of Communities in Schools-Ottawa Becky Nevergold accepted the proclamation.

Proclamation-Lights on After School! Day

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey read a proclamation recognizing Lights on After School! Day. Lights on After School! Day is Thursday, October 20, and reminds citizens to support after-school programs. Thereupon, Executive Director of Communities in Schools-Ottawa Becky Nevergold accepted the proclamation.

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Proclamation-Make A Difference Day

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor read a proclamation recognizing October 22, 2011 as Make A Difference Day. Make A Difference Day began in 1992 as an initiative of USA Weekend magazine. Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of October and is one of the largest community service efforts in the nation, rallying corporations, government leaders, charitable organizations and everyday Americans into action on one day. Each year, three million people participate worldwide, helping millions more. Thereupon, Ottawa Volunteer Center Director Lisa Rivers accepted the proclamation.

Recognition-Mayor's Choice Winner

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey read a certificate recognizing the Mayor's Choice winner of the 2011 "Celebrate Ottawa" photo contest. October is National Community Planning Month. In celebration of this month, the Planning and Codes Administration department sponsored the Fourth Annual Ottawa Photo Contest. The Planning Commission judged 35 photographs submitted by 14 individuals. Winners were recognized by the Planning Commission last week. Samantha Lee won the overall youth prize; Pete Wolken won the class of 19 and over. The winner of the City employee category was Dennis Nowatzke, Fire Department. The Mayor's Choice Award was awarded to "A Taste of Victorian," a photograph by Jan Smith. Thereupon, Jan Smith accepted the certificate and thanked the Governing Body.

Ordinance-Annexing Land at 2597 US 59 Highway

Annexation of Land located at 2597 US 59 Highway

Thereupon, City Attorney Bob Bezek presented an agreement between the City of Ottawa and Mr. Mark Shay for provide for the annexation of property located at 2597 US 59 Highway.

The proposed agreement requirements and/or conditions are as follows:

- Requires significant portion of the property annexed into the city at the time agreement signed (**all but the west 330 feet of property**)
- The west 330 feet would be annexed into the city in 5 years
- City would agree to help or assist with the issue of right-of-way with Kansas Department of Transportation. At the discretion of the city and only to the extent the city finds it is in its best interest or not. Or the city would be in a neutral position. The city would not be advocating something not in their best interest with regards to the right-of-way.
- Access to 27th Street: City only agreeing Mr. Shay would have access to the street. The city would not have any expenditure for this connection.
- Mr. Shay obligated to shield and clean up the property
- Request from Mr. Shay the existing building and existing use of property have ability or possibility to connect to the 8 inch sewer line (more planning review required on this request and must be within city standards)

The Governing Body also heard from Mr. Blaine Finch, attorney for Mr. Shay, who thanked the Governing Body and Mr. Bezek for helping reach an amiable solution to this issue.

After consideration of this issue, Commissioner Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor to accept and approve the proposed agreement between the City of Ottawa and Mr. Mark Shay for the annexation of certain property located at 2597 US 59 Highway. The motion was considered and upon being put all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly approved.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgenson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor to consider the annexation motion, which had been tabled at the previous meeting of October 5, 2011. The motion was considered and upon being put all present voted nay and the Mayor declared the motion duly defeated.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, the City Manager reported the Joint City/County/USD 290 Luncheon scheduled for October 19, 2011 at 12:00 noon will be held at the USD 290 office.

Commissioner's Report

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- Saturday, October 22, 2011: Make A Difference Day
- Ottawa has not had a new play park since the 1990s
- Kanza Park will now have the first ADA compliant park in the community

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- Goppert Center is open to public
- Goppert Center is a fabulous facility paid for by tax dollars that all citizens should enjoy
- Goppert Center should have sidewalks by end of the year

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Saturday, October 22, 2011: Still need volunteers for Make A Difference Day at the Kanza Park playground build
- Thanked Mayor Ramsey, City Manager Richard Nienstedt, and Executive Assistant to the City Manager Leslie Quillen for support in applying for the Board of Directors for the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM).

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey stated the park build begins at Kanza Park at 7:30 am on Saturday, October 22, 2011 with breakfast and playground build immediately following.

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Announcements

- October 19, 2011: Joint City/County/USD 290 Luncheon at USD 290 at 12 noon
- October 24, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
- October 31, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
- November 2, 2011: Next Regular Meeting at 7 pm

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Jorgensen 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 9:10 am.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk