

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
October 31, 2011**

The Governing Body met at 4 pm this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Ramsey, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Jorgensen and Commissioner Reed. Commissioner Caylor was absent. 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 October 17, 2011 Study Session and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda scheduled for November 2, 2011.

Proclamation-Toys for Kids Run

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Toys for Kids Run and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Ordinance-Annexing Land at 2597 US 59 Highway

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to annex land to the City of Ottawa at 2597 US 59 Highway and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Monthly Financial and Activity Report-September

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed the Monthly Financial and Activity Reports for the month of September.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey asked the whereabouts of September reports from Ottawa Recreation Commission (ORC), Chamber of Commerce, and Ottawa Main Street Association.

Thereupon, Chamber Director Tom Weigand stated he will follow up on Chamber of Commerce reports.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt stated he will contact Ottawa Recreation Commission (ORC) and Ottawa Main Street Association to follow up on September reports.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from City Manager Richard Nienstedt, Chamber Director Tom Weigand, and OFCED President Blaine Finch who discussed the 2012 OFCED Agreement. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this item on the November 7 Study Session Agenda.

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Commissioner's Report

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen thanked City Staff for all their hard work on the Kanza Park playground build.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt announced the Kanza Park dedication may be postponed due to inclement weather.

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed announced Senator Rand will present an amendment to the Senate floor on November 1, 2011 recommending money from the TIGER Fund not being eligible for sidewalks and bike trails due to the hazardous conditions of many bridges in the nation, and our representatives should be contacted to let them know of any opposition so some of the funds can still go to bike trails and sidewalks.

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards discussed citizen comments from the pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 29, 2011:

- High speed in the 300 block of Mulberry where many kids are present
- There are those who support the airport
- Loves Truck Stop concerns include increased crime rate, drugs, prostitution
- Community feels there is a police patrolling presence at Love's Truck Stop

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey reported on the following:

- Take Charge Challenge winners
- A letter was received from Trendel Lumber Company thanking the City for the work and playground equipment placed at Kanza Park

Executive Session

Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to recess into Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney-client privilege with the City Attorney and City Manager present, and to reconvene into Open Session at 5:11 pm in the same Work Study Session Room.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to reconvene at 5:11 pm into Regular Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened.

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Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to recess back into Executive Session to continue discussion related to attorney-client privilege for a period of 5 minutes with the City Attorney and City Manager present. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to reconvene at 5:16 pm into Regular Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened.

Open Agenda

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt announced AT&T U-verse is coming to Ottawa and the City has sent a letter requesting the collection of franchise fees of 5% on U-verse.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen inquired about the status of the Library Director.

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey mentioned the need to advertise for the 4th Judicial Correction position opened with Marcia Gentry's resignation.

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt discussed the Ottawa Main Street position will not be filled until after the first of the year.

Announcements

Thereupon, the following announcements were made:

- November 2, 2011: Next Regular Meeting at 7 pm
- November 7, 2011: Study Session at 4 pm
- November 9-12, 2011: City Manager Richard Nienstedt and Commissioner Caylor attending National League of Cities Conference
- November 11, 2011: Veterans Day – City offices closed
- November 29, 2011: Annual Legislative Dinner at Neosho Community College at 5:30 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 at 5:30 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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