

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
February 13, 2012**

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

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

The Governing Body heard from Larry Skeet, 120 S Main, who discussed turning the park benches in front of his store to face the street.

Review of Minutes

The Governing Body reviewed the minutes from the January 30, 2012 Study Session and the February 1, 2012 Special Call Meeting and agreed to place these items on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for February 15, 2012.

Proclamation-Rodney White Day

The Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing Rodney White Day and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Resolution-Sale of General Obligation Bonds

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds for the City of Ottawa and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Public Hearing-124 S Main

The Governing Body heard a request for a public hearing at a Special Call Meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 to consider further demolition of the commercial structure at 124 S Main and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Goals Update-John Divine

The Governing Body heard from Consultant John Divine who provided an update on the goals defined by the Governing Body during a previous "Retreat".

Presentation-AT&T

Michael Scott, AT&T, was unable to attend this Study Session due to weather. The Governing Body agreed to defer this item to the next Study Session Agenda for February 20, 2012.

Municipal Auditorium-Request for Use

The Governing Body reviewed a request from Shawn Dickinson; David Glavin, First Baptist Church of Ottawa; and Scott Dickinson, Cherry St. Wesleyan Church for the use of the Municipal Auditorium and directed staff to work out the details of the request.

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Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who provided an overview of additional grant funds available in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The Governing Body agreed to move forward with the program and requested to continue discussion at the next Study Session.

City Boards & Commissions-Open Positions & Expiring Terms

The Governing Body reviewed a report on open positions and expiring terms on City Boards and Commissions, deferred from the February 6, 2012 Study Session.

During discussion, Commissioner Jorgensen inquired if the Governing Body would consider appointing a member from the City Commission to serve a term on the Ottawa Recreation Commission Board as one of the City representatives.

Monthly Financial and Activity Report-December

The Governing Body reviewed the Monthly Financial and Activity Reports for the month of December.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Stormwater Utility discussion will continue at a future Study Session
- National League of Cities Conference, Washington, D.C.

Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Discussed developing a program to make small loans available to downtown property owners for building inspections

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ramsey requested an executive session for attorney-client privilege with the City Attorney and City Manager present

Executive Session

Recess

Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to recess into Executive Session to discuss Attorney Client Privilege, with the City Attorney and City Manager present, for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed at 5:22 pm.

Reconvene

Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to reconvene into Regular Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 5:32 pm.

Announcements

The Mayor announced the following:

- February 15, 2012: Special Call Meeting at 7 pm, Public Hearing to Consider Demolition of Commercial Structure at 124 S Main
- March 12, 2012: Study Session at 4 pm
- March 27, 2012: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 401 W 13th Street

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. The Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk