

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
May 14, 2012**

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

Mayor Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Review of Minutes

The Governing Body reviewed minutes from the May 2, 2012 Regular Meeting; the May 7, 2012 Special Call Meeting; and the May 7, 2012 Study Session and agreed to place these items with a change on the next Special Call: Regular Meeting agenda on May 16, 2012.

Proclamation-Police Week

The Governing Body reviewed a proclamation recognizing May 13 - 19, 2012 as Police Week and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting agenda.

Ken Hennessey Retirement

The Governing Body reviewed a recognition of Ken Hennessey upon his retirement after 19 years of service to the City of Ottawa and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting agenda.

Ottawa University-Proposed Atkinson Hall Parking Lot Improvement

The Governing Body heard from Loyd Builders project manager Sonny Burch who provided an overview of the proposed Atkinson Hall parking lot improvement project which falls in the right-of-way on Ninth Street.

Public Hearing-Proposed Taury Jones Parking Lot

The Governing Body reviewed a request for a public hearing at the May 16, 2012 Regular Meeting on the impact of a proposed Taury Jones Hall parking lot on the historical environs on Taury Jones Hall and agreed by consensus to place the public meeting on the next Regular Meeting agenda.

During discussion, Mr. Burch and Ottawa University Chief Financial Officer Clark Ribordy addressed questions from the Governing Body.

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Resolution-Public Hearing 936 Hamblin

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing on July 2, 2012 at 7 pm for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 936 Hamblin.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who provided a presentation of the following properties being considered for condemnation: 936 Hamblin, 830 S Cherry, and 804 S Cherry.

The Governing Body agreed to place 936 Hamblin on the July 2, 2012 Special Call: Regular Meeting agenda.

Resolution-Public Hearing 830 S Cherry

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing on July 2, 2012 at 7 pm for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 830 S Cherry and agreed to place this item on the July 2, 2012 Regular Meeting agenda.

Resolution-Public Hearing 804 S Cherry

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution to establish a public hearing on July 2, 2012 at 7 pm for the consideration of the condemnation of the property located at 804 S Cherry and agreed to place this item on the July 2, 2012 Regular Meeting agenda.

OFCED-Update

The Governing Body heard from Ottawa/Franklin County Economic Development (OFCED) Inc Interim Director Blaine Finch and OFCED President David Lee who provided an update on OFCED.

Presentation-Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA)

The Governing Body heard from KMEA Director of Electric Operations Tom Saitta and KMEA General Manager Bob Poehling who provided a presentation on the Power Supply Committee progress and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) marketplace and answered questions from the Governing Body.

Request-Distribute “Buckle Up for Safety” Flyers

The Governing Body reviewed a request from American Legion Warren C Back Post 60 Post Adjutant Steve Geiss to distribute “Buckle Up for Safety” flyers on Friday, May 25, 2012 to vehicles at the intersection at Fourth and Main. Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to approve the request.

During discussion, Commissioner Richards provided an overview of the program and announced he would abstain from voting on this issue due to his position with American Legion Post 60. The motion was considered and upon being put, passed by the following vote: Commissioner Richards abstained, Commissioner Ramsey aye, Commissioner Caylor aye, Commissioner Reed aye, Mayor Jorgensen aye. The Mayor declared the request approved by a 4-1 vote.

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City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Wednesday, May 16, 2012: County Summit at Franklin County Annex at 7:30 am
- Wednesday, May 16, 2012: Special Call – Regular Meeting rescheduled to 7 pm

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- Recently attended first Chamber Board meeting where they discussed the space needs assessment and job announcements

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- Requested feedback at the May 21, 2012 Study Session on a recent request of her to serve a 1 year term as Vice President of the Ottawa Main Street Board representing her personal business interests since Commissioner Richards serves on the board representing the City and both would have a vote.

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- He has received concerns from truck drivers delivering to the Industrial Park regarding the condition of the railroad crossing. City Manager Richard Nienstedt will contact the railroad to discuss the issue.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the following:

- After further discussion with the neighborhood in the 900-block of North Hickory, ECKAN has decided to withdraw participation in a community garden in that area.

Announcements

The Mayor announced the following:

- May 16, 2012: Special Call Meeting – County Summit at Franklin County Annex at 7:30 am
- May 16, 2012: Special Call Meeting – Regular Meeting rescheduled to 7 pm

Open Agenda

The Governing Body discussed the following:

- May 14, 2012: Recognition of fallen officers at First Baptist Church, 410 S Hickory, at 6:30 pm
- May 15, 2012: ECKAN ribbon cutting at 5:30 pm
- May 21, 2012: Cemetery Facilities Tour

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Mayor Jorgensen declared the meeting duly adjourned.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk