

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
OTTAWA, KANSAS  
Minutes of  
May 7, 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**

The Governing Body heard from Copeland Fireworks CEO Charlie Copeland who requested approval to hold a firework sales dinner at Celebration Hall and a firework display at Orvis Cox ballpark on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

The Governing Body heard from Fire Chief Jeff Carner who provided an overview of the ordinance regulating fireworks inside City limits.

The Governing Body heard from City Attorney Bob Bezek who provided his opinion on whether the firework display could be considered a public display.

The Governing Body agreed by consensus that the request is denied at this time.

**Review of Minutes**

The Governing Body reviewed minutes from the April 23 and April 30, 2012 Study Sessions and agreed to place these items on the next Regular Meeting agenda on May 16, 2012 at 7 pm.

**2012 Street Rehabilitation Recommendation**

The Governing Body reviewed a potential 2012 street overlay project list.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Public Works Andy Haney who provided an overview of the proposed project list and suggested bidding out projects 1-7 from the original list with the direction that the Governing Body will determine what final projects are approved. The Governing Body agreed to put projects 1-7 from the original project list out for bid and bring back the results at a later time for further discussion.

**Monthly Financial and Activity Report-March**

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

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### **Youth in Government Report**

The Governing Body heard from Youth Delegate Jordan Gray who reported on the following:

- Youth delegates recently visited Eugene Field, Lincoln, Garfield, and Ottawa Middle Schools to survey each classroom about sidewalk use. A report will be provided at a later date.
- May 31, 2012: Youth delegates will put on a children's skit for the Ottawa Recreation Commission about safety while walking.

### **Open Agenda**

The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who provided an update on the demolition of 124 S Main.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Ramsey reported on the following:

- Inquired on status of Chamber of Commerce and OFCED contract
- Mayor Jorgensen provided a report on OFCED's interim Director Blaine Finch and the terms of the proposed contracts.

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- Attended today's DARE graduation at Lincoln Elementary where 69 5<sup>th</sup> graders graduated from the program.
- Recently spoke with Gun Guys owner Tim Van Leiden whose new business is set to open in late June or early July. Mr. Van Leiden was complimentary of City staff and Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee.
- Requested review of the City's residency requirements. City Manager Richard Nienstedt will direct staff to prepare a proposal for the Governing Body to review at a later study session.

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- Recently attended a Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) conference

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Attended today's 15<sup>th</sup> Street "sidewalk project" ribbon cutting at Faith Lutheran Church sidewalk, 1320 W 15th Street, with many local preschoolers in attendance.
- Reviewed priorities: Streets, Economic Development, and Parks

### **City Manager's Report**

The City Manager reported on the following:

- May 14, 2012: Recognition of fallen officers at First Baptist Church, 410 S Hickory, at 6:30 pm
- Ottawa was designated as a Playful City for the third year. Other Kansas Playful Cities include: Derby, Lawrence, Parsons, and Troy

### **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. Mayor Jorgensen declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:24 pm.

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Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk