

**CITY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
101 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas
Minutes of September 5, 2012**

The City Governing Body met at 7 pm this date for the Regular City Commission Meeting with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Jorgensen, Commissioner Richards, Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Ramsey, and Commissioner Caylor. 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

Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the agenda and minutes from the August 6 and August 13, 2012 Study Sessions; and the August 1 and August 15, 2012 Regular Meetings. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the Consent Agenda duly approved.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Declaration

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-National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Commissioner Caylor read a proclamation recognizing September 2012 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. September is nationally recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This proclamation honors those who lives have been forever touched by childhood cancer. Rodney White Children's Foundation representatives Dana White and Julie Smith accepted the proclamation. Dana White thanked the Governing Body for the recognition.

Proclamation-Ottawa High School Wall of Honor Days

Mayor Jorgensen read a proclamation recognizing September 13 and 14, 2012 as Ottawa High School Wall of Honor Days. Ottawa High School recognizes outstanding alumni with this honor. Ottawa High School representatives Susan Geiss and Michelle Gray accepted the proclamation. Susan Geiss thanked the Governing Body for helping honor the inductees.

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Recognition-Jen Wolzen for Organizing 2012 National Night Out

Mayor Jorgensen read a Certificate of Appreciation for Jen Wolzen for organizing the 2012 National Night Out. Occasionally the Governing Body has the opportunity to recognize good deeds and citizens who perform them. Jen Wolzen is recognized for her leadership in coordinating Ottawa's National Night Out, a nationally sponsored crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, in its 29th year nationally, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation for local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The City of Ottawa supports these goals and looks forward to successful National Night Out events in the future. Chief of Police Dennis Butler accepted the certificate on Jen's behalf and thanked her for her efforts.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- September 7, 2012: Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at Ottawa Municipal Airport, 2178 Montana Rd, at 8 am
- September 7, 2012: First Friday Forum at 10 am
- The City and County are jointly working on zoning the airspace around the Ottawa Municipal Airport.
- September 6, 2012: Ottawa Airport Airspace Protection Program Open House at Ottawa Municipal Airport, 2178 Montana Road, from 5-7 pm

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- He recently attended the OU Fusion event downtown and was pleased with the turnout.
- September 7, 2012: Pam Tillis concert at the Ottawa Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 pm
- September 8, 2012: Ottawa Municipal Auditorium benefit concert featuring local praise bands

Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- She encouraged everyone to attend the Power of the Past tractor show September 8-9, 2012 and the Ol'Marais River Run car show September 15-16, 2012.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jorgensen reported on the following:

- He is glad to be back with the Commission after being absent from a recent regular meeting and study sessions.

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Announcements

Mayor Jorgensen announced the following:

- September 6, 2012: Ottawa Airport Airspace Protection Program Open House at Ottawa Municipal Auditorium at 2178 Montana Road from 5-7 pm
- September 7, 2012: Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at Ottawa Municipal Airport at 2178 Montana Road at 8 am
- September 10, 2012: Study Session at 4 pm
- September 10, 2012: Ottawa Recreation Commission Facilities Tour at 5:30 pm

Executive Session

Recess

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to recess into executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege with City Manager Richard Nienstedt and City Attorney Bob Bezek present for a period of 20 minutes and to reconvene into open session at 7:44 pm. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to reconvene into open session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 7:44 pm.

Recess

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to recess back into executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege with the City Manager and City Attorney present for a period of 10 minutes and to reconvene into open session at 7:54 pm. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to reconvene into open session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 7:54 pm.

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 7:56 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk

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