

RESOLUTION NO. 945

A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE TOURISM COMMITTEE AND MODIFYING POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

WHEREAS, Osawatomie Charter Ordinance No. 10 authorizes a transient guest tax levy of up to six percent upon the gross rental receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for lodging or sleeping accommodations to provide funding for the promotion of tourism in Osawatomie; and

WHEREAS, Osawatomie Charter Ordinance No. 15 exempts the City of Osawatomie from the provision of K.S.A. 12-1695, which relate to the Tourism Committee, providing substitute provisions on the same subject, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith and repealing Charter Ordinance No. 7; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 669 establishing the Tourism Committee and delegating powers and responsibilities has never been implemented since its passage in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 936 directs the City Manager to implement the four organizational and community realignment steps outlined in the Document “Osawatomie 4.0 -- Downtown;” and

WHEREAS, the input of citizens, business owners, and other individuals in the community is important to creating a comprehensive strategy for the promotion and marketing of Osawatomie to visitors and citizens alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: There is hereby created a committee of the City to be known as the Tourism Committee.

SECTION TWO: In accordance with the Governing Body’s policies on the appointments to advisory bodies, the Governing Body shall appoint seven members to the Committee. The Tourism Committee shall consist of at least one representative from each of the Signature Events. Each member shall be a resident, property owner, business owner/operator in the 66064 zip code. The Committee’s membership shall also include three ex-officio members: one Council member, who shall be appointed as a liaison, the City Manager, or his or her designee, and the Executive Director of the Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce.

Each Committee member shall be appointed to a term of two years; provided, that of those first appointed to the Committee, four shall have a term expiring at the end of 2023 and three shall have a term expiring at the end of 2024. Following initial appointment, members shall serve a term of two years beginning on January 1 of the appointed year.

In the case of a vacancy on the Committee, it shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only and according to the resolution on advisory board appointments (**Resolution 664**). Committee members shall serve until resignation or replacement on the Committee.

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SECTION THREE: The Committee shall meet at least four times per year, or more often as deemed necessary by the Committee Chairman or at least three of the Committee members. The Committee will meet with the Signature Event sponsoring committees at least twice a year (one meeting previous to the event and at one meeting post event). The Committee shall also meet when called upon by the City Council or City Manager to consider a special issue.

Within the guidelines of the Governing Body’s resolution for advisory bodies, the Committee shall choose its own officers, determine the time and place for its meetings. And follow the model meeting code known as the “Code of Procedure for Kansas Cities,” Third Edition (2017). The Committee shall also provide the City Clerk with adequate notice of the date and time of its next meeting and agenda and with copies of the minutes of its proceedings. A majority of its duly appointed committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business.

The role of the Tourism Committee shall include (1) provide support to Signature Event Committees (2) make recommendations to the Governing Body on tourism and marketing policies; (3) assist in developing a strategic tourism and marketing plan for the City; (4) review and make recommendations on the expenditure of transient guest tax revenues collected by the City; (5) provide input and review of the City Manager’s submitted budget related to signature events which shall occur annually before July 1st.

SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Osawatomie, Kansas this 27th day of January, 2022, a majority being in favor thereof.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor.

Nick Hampson

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Tammy Seamands

City Clerk