

Charter Commission

AGENDA

July 20, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes
  - a. Minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting
3. Old Business
  - a. Propose change going from 4 wards to 5 wards
4. New Business
  - a. Seating of Jon Davis

City of Fairmont

Charter commission

Meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

SMEC bldg Room 112

Attendance: Mike Katzenmeyer, Spencer Seibert, Dale Martens, Chuck Omgig, Conrad Anderson, Alice Maday, Robynn Buhmann, Ken Reiman.

1. Motion by Alice M, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck O to move Mike Katzenmeyer into chairman of Charter commission position
2. Robynn Buhmann will fill in for Barry Altman as acting secretary in his absence
3. Nominations for Vice chair Chuck Omgig was nominated by Ken Reiman, Conrad Anderson nominated Alice Maday, Spencer Siebert ceased the nominations a ballot vote was taken and it was determined that Chuck Omgig won the Vice chair position.
4. Discussion on Member attendance was discussed, enforcing member attendance, and meeting times. A motion was made by Chuck Omgig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Reiman that all members would not miss more that 4 consecutive meetings, Motion Passes
5. Motion to have set meetings times as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, motion by Ken Reiman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Omgig. Motion Passes
6. Mike Katzenmeyer will contact Tom Lytle, Nikki Johnson, Tom Izen and confirm that they want to be on the charter commission or if they desire to resign. Formal resignations will be handled
7. Accept resignations with regret from Colby Whitmore, and Sara Pierce.
8. As discussion of Chapter 1 with the Fairmont Charter, Dale Martens Made a motion to change the wards from 4 city wards and boundaries as outlined in the city of Fairmont map to 5 wards divided equally with the elimination of the city at large ward position. After much discussion was taken a 2<sup>nd</sup> on the motion was given by Ken Reiman, motion carries.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 715pm by Alice Maday, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spencer Seibert.
10. Next meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6pm in the SMEC bldg

Respectfully submitted by Robynn Buhmann

**Sec. 1.02. Division of the city into wards.**

The City of Fairmont is hereby divided into four (4) wards, to be called the First, Second, Third, and Fourth, Wards, respectively, to be limited and bounded as established on September 14, 1965, and continuing to the date of adoption of this charter, provided, however, that commencing with the November 2024 general election and thereafter the City of Fairmont shall be divided into five (5) wards, to be called the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Wards, respectively, to be limited and bounded as established as of the date of that general election. The council may at any time, and shall after each federal census, consider changes in ward boundaries. But any change in ward boundaries shall be for the sole purpose of making the wards as nearly equal in population as practicable, so as to provide equal representation. Any future changes in ward boundaries shall be by ordinance.

**Sec. 2.03. Elective officers.**

There shall be a city council composed of the mayor and five (5) members. One (1) council member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each of the four (4) wards and one (1) council member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the city at large, provided, however, that commencing with the November 2024 general election and thereafter each council member shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each of the five (5) wards.

At the first municipal election under this amended charter, presently scheduled for November 2, 1993, five (5) council members shall be elected. The council member elected at large and the council members from the even numbered wards shall serve for terms of four (4) years. The council members from odd numbered wards shall serve for terms of two (2) years. Thereafter, all council members shall serve for terms of four (4) years.

(Ref. of 11-5-91)

**Sec. 2.06. The mayor.**

At the regular election, a mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The mayor shall be elected by and from the electors of the city at large. The mayor shall be a member of the city council but shall only have a vote as a member of the council in case of a tie. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the council and shall exercise all powers and shall perform all duties conferred and imposed upon him/her by this charter, the ordinances of the city, and the laws of the state. The mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purposes of serving civil process, and by the Governor for the purposes of martial law. In time of public danger or emergencies, the mayor may, with the consent of the council, take command of the police, maintain order, and enforce the law. The mayor shall also appoint with the advice and consent of the council the members of citizen advisory boards and commissions and perform other duties specified by the council. A Mayor pro-tem shall be elected by a majority of the council in January at the first meeting of the year. ~~The Councilmembers at large shall also be the mayor pro-tem and shall serve as mayor pro-tem in the~~

mayor's absence and mayor in case of the mayor's temporary disability or absence from the city. The mayor pro-tem shall retain the right to vote upon all matters before the council.