

CITY OF FAIRMONT
CHARTER COMMISSION

Meeting Date: October 18, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: SMEC, RM. 112

Agenda

1. Determination of Quorum

<input type="checkbox"/> Barry Altman	<input type="checkbox"/> Jay Maynard
<input type="checkbox"/> Conrad Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Chuck Omgig
<input type="checkbox"/> Terry Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Reiman
<input type="checkbox"/> Robynn Buhmann	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Gunther
<input type="checkbox"/> Jon Davis	<input type="checkbox"/> Ronald Lindberg
<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Katzenmeyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Kacey Kasel
<input type="checkbox"/> Alice Maday	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Zarling
<input type="checkbox"/> Dale Martens	

2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
4. Old Business
5. New business
 - a: Review Chapters 4, 5 and 6 to update the Charter with statutory language.
 - b: Review Chapter 7
6. Adjournment

City of Fairmont

Charter Commission

Meeting- August 16, 2022 6:04 PM

Attendance: Robert Gunther, Ron Lindberg, Jay Maynard, Chuck Omgig, Robynn Buhmann, Jim Zarling

There had been no mention of Charter Commission meeting in The Sentinel paper. Someone from there did attend this meeting and left prior to conclusion. We were later told that "all we do is argue". We (Charter members), felt that it was newsworthy. The Sentinel representative made a "call" to not report the meeting. She indicated that this was her job to do so.

So we have had no coverage on our meetings. We have talked to Photo Press. They indicated that they don't report on politics.

Chuck Omgig reported on last meeting items.

We were not aware that the Charter should not rely on Kathy Reynolds as an advisor.....indications were that every thing was negative from her.

Where do we go from here? Ordinances are coming up for review.....do we continue to meet monthly or less often. We still have obligation to complete the Charter. Could a representative from the City Council be present to comment?

The Charter Commission makes its presentation at a Public Hearing...then a vote. A Public Hearing.....had already occurred.

Have there been any State Statute changes?..... the Mayor indicates that, "Yes",Charter # 4 and # 5 both have references.

Status of Minnesota..... has moved to certain election dates per year.

A motion for a recount.....the easiest way is to reference the State Statute., Chapter 4. A comment "we did approve by Charter Commission last mtg"Chapter 4.

A motion to re-visit Chapter 4.the motion was carried....a motion to refer to Chapters 4 & 5.....bring in compliance with Minnesota statute.

Is there a Budget Item to discuss?.....Yes, per the Mayor, the Charter Commission budget is .075% of the tax levee \$'s or \$1500., whichever is greater.

Should we (Commission members) each review the statues and comment?.....decided that it would be better to let the Mayor review.

Suggested that we table Chapters 4 & 5 until our September meeting. This was approved. Patty, (City Clerk) will prepare

Motion....The Commission be informed of budget constraints on the Commission prior to a Commission meeting and their efforts. A motion to approve this was approved.

We have found out through the City Council that the Charter Commission budget was depleted. Some discussion that the City Council is obligated to support Charter Commission budget.

Mayor, attending Charter Commission meeting, indicated that legal fees are quarterly. The Mayor approved somewhere around July 16.

Some discussion that the Council does have the authority to request additional funds to the Commission's budget. The Mayor indicated that there remains approx. \$300however several attorney bills are outstanding.

Perhaps we should receive a regular report regarding the Commission's budget \$ remaining?

A motion to increase Commission's budget to \$2500 to the City Council in this years budget. This was approved.

Chapter 6.0 should be approved as is. A motion to approve was approved.

Chapter 6.02 should be approved as is. A motion to approve was approved.

Action to wait on the other Chapters was approved.

Nex meeting scheduled for Sept. 20, 2022.

Meeting adjourned.