

Charter Commission

October 25, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ben Stowe, Casey McCarthy, Chuck Stombaugh, Rod Witt, Jaclyn Ryder, Michael Meuers, Nancy Erickson, Ben Stowe (via phone)

Members Absent: Charlene Fisher

Staff Present: City Attorney Alan Felix, City Clerk Kay Murphy

After noting a quorum, Chair Ryder called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commission member Stowe was attending via telephone.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Stombaugh, seconded by Meuers, to approve the minutes as prepared. Motion carried.

Recall

Ryder stated that at their recent meeting, the City Council did not pass the Ordinance amending the City Charter to include Recall language as proposed by the Charter Commission. Several members expressed their disappointment regarding the Council's vote.

Stombaugh stated that in his research with other charter cities he found that it was common to have a committee of five people.

Commission members discussed the election process and did not want a special election due to the expense and lower voter turnout.

Motion by Meuers, seconded by Witt, to bring the question of Recall language to the voters at the 2012 General Election. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date:

Set for February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Items for the agenda include:

- Recall ballot question
- Ideas to improve the City's website regarding the City Charter
- Educating the public regarding the City Charter
- Amendment to the by-laws regarding membership on the commission
- Approval of annual report

Adjourn

With no further business, a motion was made by Stombaugh, seconded by Meuers, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk