

Charter Commission

September 19, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Donald Heinonen, Chuck Stombaugh, Pamela Jorstad, Ben Stowe

Staff Present: City Clerk Michelle Miller

Chair Stowe noted a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 25, 2018 meeting was presented for approval. Motion by Stombaugh, seconded by Heinonen to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Section 2.03 Council Composition and Election – Review Term of Mayor

Meuers and Heinonen spoke with council members individually regarding the term of Mayor being changed from two years to four years. The responses were split with no unanimous support for the change. It was noted that if the Mayor term is changed to four years it should coincide with the presidential election. Heinonen stated that he has also been able to discuss this topic with the general public and did not receive a lot of negative feedback. He also noted that with the term being only two years, the Mayor seems to always be campaigning. It was suggested that the At Large and the Mayor terms be opposite of each other.

After discussing the council composition, motion by Jorstad, seconded by Heinonen to wait until a new council is seated before bringing this issue to council.

Charter Commission Membership

An application was received from Randi Su Tanem. The question came up that Randi Su is Pam Jorstad's daughter. Jorstad stated she doesn't feel there is a problem serving together. Miller stated that after researching with the issue with Felix they could not find anything prohibiting family members from serving on the same commission.

Motion by Heinonen, seconded by Stombaugh accepting the application of Randi Su Tanem to the Charter Commission. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

A special meeting will be held on November 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business, a motion by Heinonen, seconded by Stombaugh, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Miller
City Clerk