

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF AFTON CHARTER COMMISSION
April 27, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: John Barclay, Tony Berg, Julianne Berg, Bonnie Blackley, Mike Frichol, Tom Giannetti, Rock Gjermo, Jon Kingstad, Kenn Kopitzke, Kathleen McGinn (7:30), Debbie Nelson, Carol Wiessner (7:10).

Absent: Dan Oehlke, Lynn Farley

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Tony Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Vice Chair Tony Berg performed roll call.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the September 11, 2008 were not made available Kingstad moved to table until unapproved minutes could be made available and reviewed. Seconded by T. Berg. Motion passed.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's Report.
5. ELECTION OF SECRETARY: Kingstad volunteered to act as Secretary and keep minutes. Kingstad elected secretary.
6. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Review of subcommittee work on Article 1.04 Application of General and Special Laws. After a discussion of the Draft and its purpose, there was a consensus that the Draft might be misleading in its present form. The subcommittee agreed to revisit the draft and consider rephrasing the Purpose to reflect that it is intended was to provide a possible legal basis for Afton to supersede or modify special legislation applicable to Afton without its approval.
 - b. Commission began a section by section reevaluation of the Draft Charter.
 1. There was no discussion on Sections 1.01 to 1.03
 2. Section 2.01 Discussion of Form of Government.

Tony Berg moved and Deb Nelson seconded a motion to remove reference to "City Administrator". Vote passed.
 3. Section 2.02 Elective officers

Discussion of 30 day residence requirement.

Discussion of subdivision 2. Tony Berg suggested crossing out “Ward 1, etc.”

John Barclay suggested “at which time a new council will be elected for the remainder of that term”

Subdivision 3. Terms of office. Decided to leave in “there must be biennial city elections.”

4. Section 2.03 No discussion
5. Section 2.04. Decided to remove subsection (f) and reletter (g) and (h) to (f) and (g).
6. Section 2.05. Remove because it is covered by state law.
7. Section 2.06. No change.
8. Section 2.07. Strike “or city administrator”.
9. Section 3.01. Changed to “Prior to the first scheduled council meeting in January.”
10. Section 3.02. Changed to state “The city council can designate any city employee or outside contracting service to act as council secretary.” All else in section remains unchanged.
11. Section 3.03. Rules of order. “which” inserted after “order revised” and before “stand.”
12. Section 3.04. No change.
13. Section 3.05. removed.
14. Sections 3.06 – 3.08 renumbered to 3.05-3.07.
15. Renumbered section 3.05 (old 3.06) effective date of ordinances of 30 days needs to be reconciled with 90 day provision in initiative and referendum” sections.
16. Renumbered section 3.06 (old 3.07).. “Emergency ordinance.” Needs to be revisited due to disagreeamount about “emergency” and what constitutes an “emergency.”

17. Renumbered section 3.07 (old 3.08). Added “Any ordinance adopted by the vote of the people cannot be repealed or amended except by a vote of the people.” Otherwise allright as is.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.