

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF AFTON CHARTER COMMISSION
June 8, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: John Barclay (late), Tony Berg, Julianne Berg, Bonnie Blackley, Lynn Farley Mike Frichol, Tom Giannetti, Rock Gjermo, Jon Kingstad, Kenn Kopitzke, Kathleen McGinn (late), Carol Wiessner.

Absent: Dan Oehlke, Debbie Nelson

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Tony Berg called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Vice Chair Tony Berg performed roll call.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the May 18, 2009 meeting were approved. Kingstad agreed to add subscription to end of minutes of 4/27, 5/4 and 5/18 meetings.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT: No Treasurer's Report.
4. OLD BUSINESS:

Resumed review of October, 2008 draft.

Section 8.01 City Administrator: strike first sentence.

Section 8.02: Duties of City administrator: OK as renumbered. Kenn Kopitzke dissented from creating a city administrator position by charter and defining duties of such administrator.

There was agreement that section 2.01 as revised would authorize council to appoint a city clerk or other position it felt necessary.

Sections 8.03 through 8.05 as renumbered: OK.

Section 9.01 (Bonds and debt limit): OK except for 9.01, subd. 3: Strike: "for cities of the same class and statutory cities."

Section 9.02 (Council and public purpose expenditures): OK

Section 9.03 (fiscal year): OK

Section 9.04 (taxation):: OK.

Section 9.05: (Special assessments): Kenn Kopitzke stated that 20 years ago, city of Afton had a policy on assessments. Rock Gjermo asked if Kenn could provide those policies for discussion. It was generally agreed to leave as is since charter adopts state law and more specific statement could limit city council on policies.

Section 9.05: OK except subdivisions were renamed as “subdivisions” and subdivision 3 was renumbered to subdivision 2.

The Commission agreed to renumber all of chapter 9 as follows:

Section 9.02 to 9.01
Section 9.03 to 9.02
Section 9.06 to 9.03
Section 9.07 to 9.04
Section 9.08 to 9.05
Section 9.09 to 9.06
Section 9.10 to 9.07
Section 9.11 to 9.08
Section 9.12 to 9.09
Section 9.13 to 9.10
Section 9.01 to 9.11
Section 9.04 to 9.12
Section 9.05 to 9.13

Section 10.01 (Official Publications): Discussion asked whether it would be better to reserve some authority to make official publications on website or other electronic medium in light of decline of newsprint industry. Agreed to add:

“ . . . by other means as allowed by state law” after “The council must annually designate a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city as its official newspaper in which it must publish ordinances and other matters required by law to be published. . . .”

Section 10.02 (Oaths of office): replace “of this state” with of the State of Minnesota.”

Section 10.03 through 10.06: OK

Section 10.07 (Existing ordinances Continued): Add: ”Ordinances and regulations inconsistent with this Charter are hereby repealed.”

Section 10.08: OK

Affidavits: The Commission agreed to add:
”I have read the attached petition and my signature indicates my support and understanding of the petition.”

Adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to Monday, June 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Erik Kingstad
Secretary of the Commission