

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF AFTON CHARTER COMMISSION
July 13, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: John Barclay, Julianne Berg, Bonnie Blackley, Lynn Farley, Mike Frichol, Tom Giannetti, Rock Gjerme, Jon Kingstad, Kenn Kopitzke, Kathleen McGinn (arrived 7:30 p.m.), Carol Wiessner (arrived 7:15)

Absent: Tony Berg, Debbie Nelson, Dan Oehlke

Secretary Jon Kingstad Acting Chair called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and called roll.

1. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Barclay reported that the Commission has \$967.32 in bank account down from a beginning balance of \$1,500.00. All of the expense has been on postage for publicizing the Commission's work. Kenn Kopitzke moved to approved the Treasurer's report; seconded by Tom Giannetti. Motion passed.
2. Minutes of June 29, 2009 meeting. Corrections were noted. Mike Frichol moved to approve as corrected and Kenn Kopitzke seconded. Motion to approved minutes adopted.
3. Motion to approve agenda as circulated by Chair Kate McGinn by Carol Wiessner. Rock Gjerme seconded. Motion approved.
4. Old business.

Motion by Rock Gjerme to clarify sec.3.08, subdivision 1 to read:

Subdivision 1. **Comprehensive Plan.** Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462 requires that the City prepare and adopt a comprehensive municipal plan. ~~which~~ **The comprehensive** plan is defined as a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards and maps for guiding the **future** physical, social and economic development, both private and public, of the municipality and its environs. ~~The comprehensive plan represents the City's planning agency's recommendations for the future development of the City.~~

Lyn Farley seconded. Motion approved.

Section 4.01. No change.

Section 4.02. Lynn Farley moved to change second sentence to read:

Published notice of a special election must be given in the official ~~newspaper~~ **publication as defined in section 10.01** at least four weeks before a special election.

John Barclay seconded. Motion approved.

Section 4.03. It was noted that “city clerk” should be changed to “city administrator” to make consistent with vote to make all references to “city administrator.”

Section 4.04. No change.

Section 4.05. No change.

Section 5.01. No change.

Section 5.02. Discussion. Julianne Berg was opposed to this section which allowed initiative to amend the charter with petition signed by only 5% of the voters at the last general election per state law while an initiative for ordinance per the charter required 20%.

Jon Kingstad made a motion to moved section 5.02 to chapter 1 to be placed between sections 1.03 and 1.04 and there to read as follows:

~~Nothing in this chapter affects the right of city residents who are eligible voters to propose amendments to this charter, which is governed by the Minnesota constitution and statutes.~~

Subdivision 1. This charter may be amended as provided by the Minnesota Constitution and Minnesota Statutes section. 410.12 at a general election.

Subdivision 2. If the city council proposes a charter amendment by ordinance without submission to the charter commission as provided by statute, the council may submit the proposed amendment at a general or special election on a four fifths vote of the council.

The motion was adopted 7-4 with Tom Giannetti, Julianne Berg, Kenn Kopitzke and Bonnie Blackley voting nay.

Section 5.03. No change.

Section 5.04. No change.

Section 5.05. No change.

Section 5.06. No change.

Section 5.07. No change.

Section 5.08. No change.

Section 5.08. Carol Wiessner moved to strike the last three words in subdivision 3 so that this subdivision reads:

Subdivision. 3. More than one proposed ordinance may be considered at an election, but the voters must be allowed to vote on each separately. If two initiated ordinances are approved at one election and are inconsistent, the one approved by the higher percentage prevails ~~on the inconsistency.~~

Rock Gjermo seconded. Motion approved.

Section 5.09. No change.

Section 5.10. No change. Mike Frichol pointed out the dashes between A and the number should be removed.

Jon Kingstad moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. John Barclay seconded. Motion approved. Next meeting July 20, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jon Erik Kingstad

Secretary