

Willmar Charter Commission
Minutes of Meeting
City Office Building
Willmar, Minnesota

January 28, 2013

The Willmar Charter Commission was called to order by Chair Shawn Mueske. Members present were Audrey Nelsen, Shawn Mueske, Joe Thompson, Pat Curry, John Sullivan, Richard Hoglund, Ron Andreen, and Laura Becker. Richard Falk was absent. Present 8 Absent 1. Also in attendance was City Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Halliday.

Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion which carried.

Item 1 Election of Officers. Chair Mueske opened nominations for officers for 2013 and presented a short plea to rotate the officer positions. Commissioner Hoglund moved to nominate Commissioner Mueske for Chairman. Commissioner Nelsen seconded the motion which carried.

Commissioner Nelsen moved to nominate Commissioner Sullivan for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Hoglund seconded the motion which carried.

Commissioner Hoglund moved to nominate Commissioner Nelsen for Secretary. Commissioner Becker seconded the motion which carried.

Item 2 The Commission discussed the draft language for Section 2.08 as presented by staff. Following review, Section 2.08 was adopted on a motion by Commissioner Sullivan. Commissioner Becker seconded the motion. Commissioner Thompson reiterated his position that "may" should be in Subd 1 and "enforcement of the City Charter" is superfluous and could cause confusion in the future. Following discussion the motion carried on a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, Commissioner Thompson voting no.

Item 3 The Commission discussed the parliamentary procedure of quorums for meetings. Quorums are important and all Boards and Committees should follow proper protocol. Commissioner Thompson moved to table the issue until Council action on adopting Rules of Order. The motion failed with a lack of a second. It was noted that in the Community Education & Recreation joint powers agreement a clause requires a seven (7) member quorum. The Commission, by consensus, was comfortable that no Charter section addressing quorums was necessary at this time.

The Commission set the next meeting at 1:30 p.m. on April 8, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ron Andreen
Secretary

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