

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
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ANOKA COUNTY

CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The Charter Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Malcolm Beck, Gary Zimmerman, Tim Brown, Randy Dressen, Rebecca Thull, and Steve Kane. Absent was Tim Vogt. Also present was City Administrator Matt Hylen and City Clerk Barb Held.

Motion by Dressen second Brown to approve the March 18, 2010 Charter Commission Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Zimmerman nominated Malcolm Beck as Chair. Nominations closed after three times of calling for nominations. Motion by Kane second Brown to appoint Malcolm Beck as the Chair for the Charter Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Kane nominated Randy Dressen as Vice Chair. Nominations closed after three times of calling for nominations. Motion by Kane second Brown to appoint Randy Dress as the Vice Chair for the Charter Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**Proposed Changes to the Charter:** A memorandum was provided to the Commission on the changes that were discussed in 2010. The Charter Commission unanimously agreed to forward these amendments to the City Council.

**Policy to Fill Vacancies:** A policy was developed on filling Charter Commission vacancies.

**Primary Elections:** Beck reported one topic that has been brought to his attention is need for a primary. Dressen stated historically it wasn't a problem until the last couple elections with the large number of people running for office. Dressen's only concern is the additional cost of the primary. The City Clerk and the Charter Chair will research the cost. Motion by Kane Second Dressen to proceed with the research of holding a Primary and have the City Clerk and Charter Chair bring back cost associated with it. Motion carried unanimously.

**Miscellaneous:** Beck stated he feels the citizens seem quite happy with the way things are going on in the City. Also a word of caution, about contracting out services. Beck said he was not impressed by the contractor the City hired to take care of the skating rinks.

Motion by Dressen second Thull to adjourn the Charter Commission meeting at 6:59 pm.

Barb Held, City Clerk