

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
JULY 19, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.
WAYNE GILLEY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Wayne Gilley City Hall Council Chambers. Meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State Law.

1. Roll Call:

PRESENT: Ken Easton, John Purcell, Jr., Minnette Page, John Cameron, Albert Johnson Sr., Emil Vyhlidal, Ernest Godlove.

ABSENT: Gary Chambers, Lance Janda.

ALSO PRESENT: Frank V. Jensen - City Attorney, Traci Hushbeck - City Clerk

2. Approve minutes of July 12, 2010.

MOVED by Page, SECOND by Cameron, to approve the minutes of July 12, 2010. AYE: Easton, Purcell, Page, Cameron, Johnson, Vyhlidal, Godlove. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Receive input from citizens regarding any issues/concerns they have with the City Charter.

The following comments were made by those in attendance:

Mayor Fred Fitch:

- Like to see abstentions defined in charter.
- Look at strategic planning conference with City Council with citizen input to discuss five year plan.

Joe Bailey, 2723 NE Euclid:

- Opposed to at large voting for wards
- Supports election on same date as state and federal.
- Supports either two or four year terms.
- Need to address abstentions in charter. Should clarify conflict of interest.

James Stewart, 627 SW Sedalia Place:

- Support the creation of two more wards. Residents past SW 45th don't feel involved.
- Opposes at large members.

Deral Paulk, 4012 SW Hickory Lane:

-Feels Ward 7 is much bigger than other wards. A new ward should be created for area west of 38th and Lee Boulevard.

Dan Tucker, 6916 SW Beta Avenue:

- A five year planning direction should be in charter.
- Charter is too detailed and is not flexible enough. Needs to be general and non-directive.
- Opposed to at large representation.
- Does not support additional wards.
- Council members should state up front why they are abstaining.
- Planning committee should be formed to set goals and goals should be reviewed every five years.

Rex Givens, Museum of the Great Plains:

-Strategic planning should be required in charter. City Council must participate.

Janice Drewry, Ward 3 City Council member:

-Supports strategic planning.

Timothy Loftis:

-Favors a community calendar to help with funding events.

Deck McKeen, 2415 NW 34th Street:

- Favors a SOP for disaster plan. Should be proactive, not reactive.
- City should operate on zero based budgeting.
- Force city to outline certain number of officers per population.

Jeremy Russell, 706 SW Roosevelt:

- Wards 1 and 3 should be updated/combined.
- Add one at large position and delete one ward.
- Remove the words "ethnic background" in C-6-2 c(1)
- Clarify "good of the service" in C-8-1
- Look at how the charter recognizes labor unions.

Norma Roberts, 4815 NW Cheryl Blvd:

-Supports adding an at large seat.

4. Discuss input from citizens and continue committee discussion regarding issues/concerns with the City Charter.

The committee agreed to meet every Monday, starting on July 26th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at the New City Hall (Old Lawton High).

Jensen suggested the committee hear from the Planning Director at a future meeting as to what kind of long term planning is already going on in Lawton.

Purcell requested the committee members put in writing the specific areas they feel need to be discussed by the committee. These can be emailed to him with a copy to Ms. Hushbeck.

5. Adjournment

There was no further business to consider and upon motion, second and roll call vote the committee adjourned at 3:36 p.m.