

**CHARTER COMMISSION
MEETING
2nd floor conference room
April 28, 2015
6:00**

Members present: John Albright ___ Paul Myers ___ Jack Bridges ___ Jim Lyons ___ Orin Sandberg ___ Darlene Wallerich ___ Tom Dwelle ___ Ray St.Martin ___ Jeff Rogness ___

Others Present: _____

Meeting called to order at ___ p.m. by _____ with a quorum present.

Adopt/Amend Meeting Agenda

Motion _____ seconded _____ to approve/amend the agenda as presented. AYES ___ NAYS ___.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 24, 2015.

Moved by _____, seconded _____ to approve/ amend the minutes meeting as written AYES ___ NAYS ___.

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Review City Council action regarding Ordinance 546 and 547

Miscellaneous Discussion

Set next meeting date and time will be _____.

ADJOURNMENT

City of Lake City
CHARTER COMMISSION
Tuesday March 24, 2015
2nd floor conference room
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Sandy Pritzl, John Albright, Darlene Wallerich, Orin Sandberg, Jeff Rogness, Jim Lyons

Members Absent: Tom Dwelle, Judy Lortscher, Paul Myers, Jack Bridges, Ray St. Martin,

Others Present: City Clerk Kari Schreck

Call to Order

Chair Albright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Adopt/Amend meeting agenda

Motion Rogness, second Wallerich to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes 6-0-0.

Meeting Minutes

Wallerich stated that the motion related to Ordinance draft 1 has her vote as aye, but she voted nay. Agreed by members and minutes will be corrected to reflect the vote.

Motion Sandberg, second Rogness to approve the minutes of the January 27th, 2015 as amended. All ayes 6-0-0.

Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Wallerich made a motion to nominate Albright as chair. Albright respectfully requested discussion. After discussion, Wallerich withdrew her motion with regret. By consensus, the commission tabled the election of chair and vice chair to the April meeting.

Approve/Amend the 2014 annual report for submission to the District Court

Motion Rogness, second Wallerich to approve the 2014 annual report as presented. All ayes 6-0-0.

The next meeting date is April 28th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business, Chair Albright adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson John Albright

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kari Schreck, City Clerk

Lake City Common Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2015 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Joel Beckman, Andru Peters, Mary Lou Waltman, Russell Boe, Randy Klipfel, Greg Schreck, Mark Spence

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Alan Lanning, City Attorney, City Clerk Kari Schreck, City Attorney Scott Riggs

Conduct the public hearing on Charter Amendment Ordinance No. 546 and Ordinance No. 547. Introduce Ordinance Nos. 546 and 547 and conduct the first reading of both ordinances

The Charter Commission and the City Council have been working together on various amendments to the City Charter over the past year. Charter Amendment Ordinance No. 546 includes all of the amendments that the Charter Commission and the City Council have previously discussed with the exception of changing any provisions in the Charter that would relate to the Library Board or other boards and commissions. The Charter Commission is also proposing Charter Amendment Ordinance No. 547 that amends the Charter to add specific language concerning the powers and duties of the Library Board.

The Council is required by statute to hold a public hearing on the ordinances. Notices of the public hearing of both ordinances were published in the newspaper.

Motion Waltman, second Klipfel to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 546 and Ordinance No. 547. All ayes 7-0-0.

Conduct public hearing and take public comment.

Paul Myers stated that the Charter Commission has been working on the Ordinances for some time and he was there to hear any public comment.

No one else spoke at the public hearing.

Motion Waltman, second Klipfel to close the public hearing. All ayes 7-0-0.

Motion Peters, second Schreck to introduce Ordinance No. 546 and Ordinance No. 547 and to conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 546 in summary form and Ordinance No. 547 in its entirety and to adopt Resolution No. 15-032 authorizing publication of Ordinance No. 546 by title and summary. All ayes 7-0-0.

The second reading and passage of the Ordinances will occur at a later meeting of the Council. The Ordinances will be enacted only if they each receive an affirmative vote of all members of the City Council. The Ordinances will also be published in accordance with the Charter's usual publication requirements (once after the first reading and again after the second reading).

If enacted, the Charter Amendment Ordinances will not become effective until 90 days after passage and publication.

The Mayor noted that the council waived the first reading.

**Lake City Common Council
Retreat Workshop March 30, 2015
City Hall 2nd floor conference room
5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Joel Beckman, Andru Peters, Mary Lou Waltman, Greg Schreck, Mark Spence, Russell Boe, and Randy Klipfel

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Alan Lanning, City Clerk Kari Schreck, City Attorney Sarah Sonsalla

Others present: Rich Ousky, John Albright

Mayor Beckman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

City Attorney Sonsalla stated that the meeting was to clarify for council members any questions regarding the revisions to the Lake City Charter. She reviewed with council each change and answered questions on the proposed changes drafted in Ordinance 546. The changes were mainly punctuation, sentence structure, law changes etc. The section relating to the Library board was stricken and moved to Ordinance 547. Ordinance 547 is specific to the Library board. Council members stated concerns that the Library board is one of several boards and commissions of the city and should be treated similarly. Council expressed again their desire to work with boards and commissions and that Ordinance 547 was not what the council had previously agreed to in joint meetings with the Charter Commission. Mayor Beckman stated that the Charter should be a broad document rather than specific. Ordinances can spell out specific roles and duties. City Attorney Sonsalla stated that all council members must vote aye in order for the Ordinance 546 and 547 to pass.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Joel T. Beckman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kari Schreck, City Clerk

**Lake City Common Council
Special Meeting March 30, 2015
City Hall 2nd floor conference room
6:35 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Joel Beckman, Andru Peters, Mary Lou Waltman, Greg Schreck, Mark Spence, Russell Boe, and Randy Klipfel

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Alan Lanning, City Clerk Kari Schreck, City Attorney Sarah Sonsalla

Others present: Rich Ousky, John Albright

Mayor Beckman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Motion Klipfel, second Spence to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes 7-0-0.

Waive the second readings of Charter Amendment Ordinance No. 546 and Ordinance No. 547 and adopt, if desired

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12, subdivision 7, upon recommendation of the Charter Commission, the City Council may enact a Charter amendment by ordinance. The Charter Commission and the City Council have been working together on various amendments to the City Charter over the past year. Charter Amendment Ordinance No. 546 includes all of the amendments that the Charter Commission and the City Council have previously discussed with the exception of changing any provisions in the Charter that would relate to the Library Board or other boards and commissions. The Charter Commission is also proposing Charter Amendment Ordinance No. 547 that amends the Charter to add specific language concerning the powers and duties of the Library Board.

The Ordinances will be enacted only if they each receive an affirmative vote of all members of the City Council.

If enacted, the Charter Amendment Ordinances will not become effective until 90 days after passage and publication, unless a petition requesting a referendum is received (it must be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least five percent of the registered voters in the City or 2,000, whichever is less). In that event, the ordinances will not become effective until they are approved by the voters at a general or special election. If a petition requesting a referendum is received, the Council may reconsider its action in adopting the ordinance instead of holding an election.

Motion Spence, second Boe to waive the second readings of Ordinance Nos. 546 and 547. All ayes 7-0-0.

Motion Spence, second Schreck to adopt Ordinance No. 546. All ayes 7-0-0.

Motion Beckman, second Peters to adopt Ordinance No. 547. Beckman stated that he moved it in order to record a vote for the Ordinance. **Roll call vote: Boe- nay, Schreck- nay, Beckman- nay, Spence-nay, Peters- aye, Waltman- nay, Klipfel- nay. Motion fails 1-6-0.**

Motion Waltman, second Boe to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. All ayes 7-0-0.

ATTEST:

Kari Schreck, City Clerk

Joel T. Beckman, Mayor