



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2020, 6:00 PM
City of Hitchcock City Hall
7423 Highway 6
Hitchcock, Texas 77563

MINUTES

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Dorothy Childress at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call.

Johnnie Anderson

Dorothy Childress

Mary Demby

Ronnie Meier

Gary Riley

Henry Coger

Absent: Ena Hughes and Harry Robinson

Bobbie Tarpey

Mayor Randy Strickland

Charlie Zech, Attorney

Marie Gelles, City Administrator

Ruth Ann Sorrell, Interim City Secretary

Mayor Randy Strickland informed the committee that Ena Hughes is resigning from the committee.

3. Public Hearing for the purpose of considering citizens comments regarding revisions to the Charter.

Sam Collins spoke in support of the efforts of this committee to update the City Charter and that the recommendation was made to place the change of the form of government from Mayor/Commission to Council/Manager.

4. Approval of January 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Henry Coger made the motion to approve the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Mayor Randy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Discuss and consider possible amendments to the City's Home Rule Charter:

a. Draft amendments for creation of Council Manager form of Government

Johnnie Anderson made the motion to recommend placing the change of the word commission to council. Ronnie Meier seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Gary Riley made the motion to approve the draft amendments for creation of Council Manager form of Government. Johnnie Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Article X – Municipal Court

Mary Demby made the motion to approve the attorney recommended changes. Henry Coger seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Article XI – City Attorney

No action

d. Article XII – Elections

Mary Demby made the motion to remove Article XII, Section 6 requiring a voter to be a resident for six months. Gary Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Randy Strickland made the motion to approve the attorney recommended changes. Johnny Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

e. Article XIII – Initiative, Referendum, and Recall

Ronnie Meier made the motion to approve the attorney recommended changes. Gary Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

f. Article XIV – Parks

Mayor Randy Strickland made the motion to approve the attorney recommended changes. Gary Riley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

g. Possible additions to the Charter

Discussion was had about adding an Employee Agreement or Contract for the Chief of Police. The consensus was made that it should not be added to this Charter.

6. Review and discuss the timeline for making recommendations to the City Commission in order to meet deadlines for the 2020 Municipal Election ballot.

Next Charter Review Committee meeting will be February 12, 2020 at 6:00pm to finalize what will be presented to the City Commission on February 13, 2020 at 4:00pm to be placed on the May 2, 2020 ballot.

7. Adjournment.

Gary Riley made the motion to adjourn. Henry Coger seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Dorothy Childress, Chair