

**City of Moorhead  
Charter Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 06, 2013 at 7:30 AM  
City Hall Boardroom**

**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

Board Member:	James Danielson	Present
Board Member:	Francine Gilmore	Present
Board Member:	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Board Member:	Kenneth Tangen	Present
Board Member:	Russell Hanson	Present
Board Member:	Darvin Landa	Present
Board Member:	Leigh Wilson-Mattson	Present
Board Member:	Ronald Hagemann	Present
Board Member:	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Board Member:	Douglas Fagerlie	Absent
Board Member:	Thomas Krabbenhoft	Present (arrived 7:36 am)
Board Member:	Richard Bolton	Present
Board Member:	Yoke-Sim Gunaratne	Present

**Charter Commission Meeting**

1. Call to Order

Minutes: Chair Danielson called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Minutes: Roll call of the Commission members was noted

3. Approval of Minutes

A. December 5, 2012

Motion to approve Minutes of December 5, 2012 by Hanson seconded by Landa; motion approved by unanimous vote.

4. Reports of the Chair, Officers, Commissions and Committees

Minutes: No reports were presented

5. Public Comment

Minutes: No citizens addressed the Commission.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Update on Charter Commission Recommendation to Council: Hydrant Fees

Minutes: John Shockley, City Attorney, explained that Moorhead Public Service (MPS) staff has requested minor changes to a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MPS and the City. Once the MOU is accepted by MPS and the Council, the Moorhead City Council intends to remove any references to hydrant fees from the Moorhead City Charter.

B. Update on Charter Commission Recommendation to Council: Continuity of Government

Minutes: A public hearing for this proposed ordinance will be held at the February 11, 2013 City Council meeting, with first consideration by the City Council immediately following.

C. Discussion of Mayoral Voting Provisions

Minutes: Chair Danielson provided background information on this topic for the new members.

Commissioners noted the following during discussion:

- Moorhead should have a voting mayor as other cities the size of Moorhead do.
- A voting mayor could garner too much power.
- The present system appears to be working.

It was noted that a 2/3 vote of the Council is required to override a mayoral veto.

Motion to leave mayoral voting provisions unchanged by Gunaratne, seconded by Landa; motion approved with Danielson voting no.

7. New Business

A. Approval of Moorhead City Charter Commission 2012 Annual Report

Motion to approve Moorhead City Charter Commission 2012 Annual Report by Bolton seconded by Hagemann; motion approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes:

B. Set 2013 Meetings of the City Charter Commission

Minutes: Motion to set 2013 meetings of the Charter Commission at 8:00 am on the first Wednesdays of February, May, August, and December by Hanson, seconded by Hagemann; motion approved by unanimous vote.

C. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Minutes: Motion to elect Bolton as Chair by Hagemann, seconded by Landa; motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to elect Hanson as Vice Chair by Hagemann, seconded by Landa;

motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to elect Hagemann as Secretary by Tangen, seconded by Landa;  
motion approved by unanimous vote.

8. Adjourn

Minutes: Gunaratne moved to adjourn, seconded by Bolton; motion approved by  
unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Becky Jahnke, Deputy City Clerk*