



**City of Moorhead  
Charter Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 03, 2014 at 8:00 AM  
City Hall Boardroom**

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

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

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Board Member:	Eldon Wollman	Present
Board Member:	Russ Hanson	Present
Board Member:	Francine Gilmore	Present
Board Member:	Ken Tangen	Present
Board Member:	Jim Danielson	Present
Board Member:	Darvin Landa	Present
Board Member:	James Steen	Present
Board Member:	Athena Gracyk	Present
Board Member:	Ronald Hagemann	Present
Board Member:	Tom Krabbenhoft	Present
Board Member:	Doug Fagerlie	Present
Board Member:	Yoke-Sim Gunaratne	Absent until 8:03 am
Board Member:	Michael Friesen	Present

**Guests present:**

Brenda Elmer	Moorhead City Council
Mari Dailey	Moorhead City Council
Pat Kovash	Kovash Marine/MBA/EDA
Mike Hulett	Moorhead City Council
Sarah Wear	Ohnstad-Twichell
Steve Gehrtz	Moorhead City Council
Nancy Lund	Moorhead Public Service
Grace Lyden	The Forum

**Approval of Minutes**

**[July 17, 2014 Charter Commission Minutes](#)**

Motion to approve minutes of July 17, 2014 by Danielson seconded by Tangen; motion approved by unanimous vote.

**Reports of the Chair, Officers, Commissions and Committees**

Doug Fagerlie requested that a report on the The Forum article be made. Jim Danielson and Ken Tangen announced that they were contacted and just answered the questions that they had. Doug Fagerlie and Athena Gracyk suggested that the Chair be the spokesman of the Charter Commission.

The Charter Commission requested that the City Charter's from other cities be distributed to the Charter Members by email.

## **Public Comment**

Comments were received from the Council Members that were present and Pat Kovash regarding the voting requirements.

## **Unfinished Business**

### [City Council Voting Requirements](#)

The Charter Commission would like to see "Mayor Voting" be added as an item. The Charter Commission will concentrate on "Contract" and "Acquiring Property, Selling Property, Disposing of Property, Utilizing Eminent Domain" at the next meeting. If time allows, the Charter Commission will continue down the list.

Contracts

Acquiring Property, Selling Property, Disposing of Property, Utilizing Eminent Domain

Tax Levies

Bond Issues

## **New Business**

### [Minutes Policy](#)

The Charter Commission briefly discussed the minutes policy.

### League of Minnesota Cities

The Charter Commission would like the League of Minnesota Cities to attend a future meeting to discuss obligations.

Motion to invite the League of Minnesota Cities to come to the next meeting for presentation on input for Charter Commissions made by Steen seconded by Fagerlie

Motion to amend to state "a meeting" made by Steen; motion approved by unanimous vote

### Next Meeting

Motion to change the meeting date in December to October 22, 2014 made by Danielson seconded by Gracyk; motion approved by unanimous vote

The Charter Commission desires to have all their meetings held at the Hjemkomst Center and to go ahead with the December meeting as scheduled.

Spokes Person

Motion to change the bylaws to state that the Chair or his/her designee be the only spokesperson to the media made by Gilmore seconded by Hageman; motion approved with Danielson voting no.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 am

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Michelle French, City Clerk*