



**City of Moorhead  
Charter Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2014 at 8:00 AM  
Hjemkomst Center - Elm Board Room**

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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	Absent
Board Member:	Ronald Hagemann	Present
Board Member:	Tom Krabbenhoft	Present
Board Member:	Doug Fagerlie	Present
Board Member:	Yoke-Sim Gunaratne	Present
Board Member:	Michael Friesen	Present

**Guests present:**

Pat Kovash	Kovash Marine/MBA/EDA
Mike Edenborg	Central Minnesota Credit Union
Bruce Bekkerus	A-1 Automotive
Mark Vanyo	Coldwell Banker

**Approval of Minutes**

**[October 22, 2014 Charter Commission Minutes](#)**

Motion to approve amended minutes of October 22, 2014 by Fagerlie seconded by Landa; motion approved by unanimous vote.

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

Russ Hanson provided a brief report after the last Charter Commission Meeting regarding the individuals that were asked to attend.

**Public Comment**

None

## **Unfinished Business**

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

#### Contracts

John Shockley, City Attorney, briefly explained the contract process.

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

John Shockley, City Attorney, explained when acquiring property, selling property, disposing of property, and utilizing eminent domain has been used and the process.

#### Tax Levies

John Shockley, City Attorney, explained that State Law requires a majority vote for the preliminary levy; however; when the tax levy is approved the City Charter requires a super majority.

#### Bond Issues

John Shockley, City Attorney, briefly explained the process and informed the City Charter Commission that the bond issues usually occur because a specific project has been done and the City Council needs to bond for the project for funding.

#### Mayor Voting

Charter Commission Members briefly discussed the pro's and con's of the Mayor voting.

Motion to keep the current Charter as written made by Fagerlie seconded by Steen; motion approved: 9 – Yes; 3 – No (Danielson, Gilmore, Tangen); 1 – Absent (Gracyk)

## **New Business**

### Set 2015 City Charter Commission Meetings

Motion to set the 2015 Charter Commission meeting dates to March 11, 2015; June 10, 2015; September 9, 2015; and December 9, 2015 at 8:00 am at the Hjemkomst Center Elm Boardroom made by Fagerlie seconded by Steen; motion approved by unanimous vote

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Michelle French, City Clerk*