



**City of Moorhead
Charter Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2014 at 8:00 AM
Hjemkomst Center - Elm Board Room**

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Call to Order

Roll Call

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Board Member:	Eldon Wollman	Absent
Board Member:	Russ Hanson	Present
Board Member:	Francine Gilmore	Absent
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	Absent
Board Member:	Tom Krabbenhoft	Absent until 8:13 am
Board Member:	Doug Fagerlie	Present
Board Member:	Yoke-Sim Gunaratne	Present
Board Member:	Richard Bolton	Absent

Approval of Minutes

[June 4, 2014 Charter Commission Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes of June 4, 2014 by Fagerlie seconded by Landa; motion approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Doug Fagerlie suggested adding a roster of visitors to future minutes.

Reports of the Chair, Officers, Commissions and Committees

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

[City Council Voting Requirements](#)

Contracts

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

Tax Levies

Bond Issues

Motion to amend the Moorhead City Charter to the following: Section 3.04. Ordinances and Resolutions. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all legislation shall be by ordinance. The votes of city council members on any action taken shall be recorded in accordance with law. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the council shall be required for the adoption of ordinances and for the payment of preauthorized expenditures. ~~Resolutions may be adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum, except that every ordinance or resolution involving the appropriation or disposition of public property, the expenditure of public money, levying any tax or assessment, creating any liability, awarding or approving any contract for the payment of money, or ordering any condemnation of private property shall require a three-fourths vote of all members of the council: provided, however, that the adoption and approval of the regular payroll of city employees shall only require majority vote of the members of the council present made by Gracyk seconded by Danielson.~~

Motion Withdrawn

Motion to authorize the City Attorney to draft a proposed charter amendment to change to majority voting requirement for the contracts; acquiring property, selling property, disposing of property, utilizing eminent domin; tax levies; and bond issues; and add the Mayor as a voting member by Gracyk seconded by Danielson; motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 am

*Respectfully submitted by:
Michelle French, City Clerk*