

**THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER
CITY CHARTER COMMISSION**

Thursday, August 7, 2014

******* 6:00 pm – Special Meeting *******

DEXTER SENIOR CENTER – 7720 ANN ARBOR STREET

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
1. Regular Meeting – June 18, 2014

D. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION
Those addressing the Commission will state their name, and address. This section is limited to 5-minutes per participant or 10-minutes for group representatives.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of number of votes allowed to be cast for the City Council race.

F. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION
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G. ADJOURNMENT
Adjournment will be at or before 8:30 p.m. unless a continuation is ordered by a majority vote of the Commission.

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MINUTES OF THE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014 MEETING**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chairman Hansen at the Copeland Board Room located at 7714 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: Phil Arbour, Jack Donaldson, John Hansen, Phil Mekas (arrived at 6:35 PM), Michael Raatz, and James Smith. Matt Kowalski, Mary-Ellen Miller and Thom Phillips were absent.

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager. Carol Jones, Village Clerk, Tom Ryan, Attorney for the Charter Commission and Jim Pruitt of the Heritage News.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion James Smith; support Jack Donaldson to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote approval with Kowalski, Mekas, Miller and Phillips absent.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – April 9, 2014
Motion James Smith; support Jack Donaldson to approve the minutes as presented.
Unanimous voice vote approval with Kowalski, Mekas, Miller and Phillips absent.

E. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

G. CHARTER CONSTRUCTION

1. Review of Changes Requested by Attorney General

Motion Michael Raatz; support James Smith to place on the table the Charter changes mediated by the Charter Advisor, Courtney Nicholls and hold a single vote at the end of the page by page review.

Motion James Smith; support Phil Arbour to amend to original motion to include substantive changes in Section 3.06 – Mayor Pro-Tem and Section 5.05(c) – Vacancy in the Office of Mayor or Council Member.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Kowalski, Miller and Phillips absent.

Motion James Smith; support Jack Donaldson at the June 18, 2014 meeting of the Charter Commission it was resolved, that the Charter Commission of the Village of Dexter does hereby adopt the foregoing proposed City of Dexter Charter and the Clerk of this Commission is hereby instructed to transmit the same to the office of the Honorable Richard Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan in accordance with the provisions of the statute, for his approval.

Be it further resolved, that an election to consider adoption of this proposed charter and election of the mayor and city council shall be conducted on November 4, 2014 subject to the approval of the proposed City of Dexter Charter by the honorable Rick Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan.

Ayes: Arbour, Donaldson, Hansen, Mekas, Raatz and Smith.

Nays: None

Absent: Kowalski, Miller and Phillips

Motion carries 6 - 0

I. OTHER ITEMS AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS

None

J. AGENDA PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

K. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Phil Arbour; support Phil Mekas to adjourn at 7:18 PM.

Unanimous voice vote approval with Kowalski, Miller and Phillips absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: _____

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MEMO

To: City Charter Commission
From: Courtney Nicholls, Interim Village Manager
Date: August 6, 2014
Re: Question from Washtenaw County Elections

After the City Charter was finalized it was sent to the Washtenaw County Clerk along with a letter requesting that the adoption of the Charter and the election of the City Offices be placed on the November 2014 ballot. The County Clerk's Office raised a question regarding the number of positions voters can vote for in the City Council race because it is not specified in the Charter. I responded to them that it should be six, because that is how many positions are available. After consulting with the State Bureau of Elections, the County Clerk has requested formal action from the City Charter Commission to confirm that this is correct.