

**City of Iowa Colony
Charter Commission
Minutes of Meeting
March 11, 2020**

1. Call to order.

Chair Hargroder called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with a quorum present. Absent included: Marge Madariaga, Rosie Flores, Brenda Dillon, Douglas Chumley, Steven Byrum-Bratsen, Brenda Ledbetter.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hargroder led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

2. Comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public. Chief Bell announced the First Responders Day, scheduled for March 14 is postponed. Date to be rescheduled.

3. Approval of minutes of the March 7, 2020 meeting.

Michael Holton made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2020 meeting with amendments to action on the minutes related to Section 6.03(e). Carol Wall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible action on various topics regarding the establishment of the City Charter.

Article 3.

- Section 3.02(a). At a previous meeting the Commission suggested that being current on taxes and not having a suit against the city be qualifications for running for office. The City Attorney reported that neither can be used because of rulings from federal lawsuits and recommended no change in the qualifications. The Commission made no further changes.
- Section 3.02(a)(7). The city Attorney reported that this section is covered under the Election Code. Michael Holton made a motion to delete Section 3.02 a(7) per the City Attorney's recommendation. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried with one abstention (Tahtinen).
- Section 3.02(b)(3). Rebecca Hester made a motion to approve Section 3.02(b)(3) as amended. Rebecca Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Section 3.06. Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve Section 3.06(c) as amended. Diana Tahtinen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 3.10(a). Robert Wall made a motion to approve Section 3.10(a) as amended. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried with one abstention (Ledbetter).
- Section 3.14. Timothy Varlack made a motion to combine Section 3.14 into Section 3.10(f). Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Article 5.

- Section 5.04. Diana Tahtinen made a motion to amend Section 5.05 as amended. Perry Roberts seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Article 6.

- Section 6.02. Brenda Ledbetter made a motion to approve Section 6.02 as amended. Rebecca Barnett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 6.5-6.08. Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve sections 6.05-6.08 as amended. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 6.10. Michael Holton made a motion to approve Section 6.10 as amended. Diana Tahtinen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Article 7.

- Section 7.01. Rebecca Hester made a motion to approve Section 7.01 as amended. Rebecca Barnett seconded the motion and it carried with one abstention (Tahtinen).
- Section 7.02. Michael Holton made a motion to approve Section 7.02 as amended. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Sections 7.06 and 7.07. Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve Section 7.06 and 7.07 as amended. Michael Holton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 7.09. Michael Holton made a motion to approve Section 7.09 as amended. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 7.11. Rebecca Hester made a motion to approve Section 7.11 as amended. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Section 7.12. Brenda Ledbetter made a motion to approve Section 7.12 as amended. Robert Wall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- New Section 7.14. New Section 7.14 Failure of City to Comply

If all requirements of this charter concerning an initiative or referendum by petition have been met by the petitioners, and the city fails to comply with this charter concerning that initiative or referendum, then any petitioner may bring suit in the appropriate district court to require the city to comply with this charter concerning the initiative or referendum.

Diana Tahtinen made a motion to approve the newly added Section 7.14. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried with one abstention (Ledbetter).

Article 9

- Section 9.02. Rebecca Hester made a motion to approve Section 9.02 as amended. Robert Wall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 9.04. Diana Tahtinen made a motion to approve Section 9.04 as amended. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Section 9.13. The City Attorney indicated this section is unnecessary and sometimes inaccurate depending on the tax rate needed and revenue sources that may not require a tax increase. Michael Holton made a motion to remove/delete Section 9.13 as recommended by the City Attorney. State Law sets this process. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Note: Section numbers renumbered since old 9.13 was deleted.

Article 10

- Sections 10.01, 10.02, and 10.03. Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve Sections 10.01, 10.02 and 10.03 as amended. Robert Wall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Sections 10.04 and 10.06. Rebecca Barnett made a motion to approve Section 10.04 and 10.06. Michael Holton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Sections 10.07 and 10.08. Rebecca Hester made a motion to approve Section 10.07 and 10.08 as amended. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve Article 10 in its entirety as amended. Michael Holton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Article 11

- Sections 11.01, 11.02, and 11.03. Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve Sections 11.01 and 11.02 and 11.03 as amended. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Timothy Varlack made a motion to approve Article 11 as amended. Rebecca Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Final Statements from Commissioners

- Michael Holton made a motion to list the names, without sign-off from the Chair. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Administrative/Nonsubstantive Edits

- Rebecca Hester made a motion to direct the City Attorney to make editing and other nonsubstantive changes to the document as needed. Timothy Varlack seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment.

Rebecca Hester made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Michael Holton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next meetings scheduled for March 18.

Passed and approved this 17 day of March, 2020


Rebecca Hester, Commission Secretary