



**LE SUEUR CITY CHARTER
COMMISSION**
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Council Chambers – City Hall
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 18, 2021
4. Accept Michelle Steiger Resignation
5. Le Sueur City Charter Review: Chapters 12 – 13
 - A. https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/lesueur/latest/lesueur_mn/0-0-0-5
6. Adjourn



**LE SUEUR CHARTER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
American Legion Park Shelter
6:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Park Shelter with the following attendees: Robert Broeder, Jack King, Judith Jones, Ruth Vortherms, and Marilyn Wells Absent: Dave Swanberg, Michelle Steiger, and Jack Roberts Staff: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator.

Chair Broeder called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.

A motion by Vortherms, seconded by Jones to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Broeder, King, Jones, Vortherms, and Wells. Voting against: None. Motion carried.

A motion by King, seconded by Jones to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of July 20, 2020. Voting in favor: Broeder, King, Jones, Vortherms, and Wells. Voting against: None. Motion carried.

The Charter Commission reviewed the proposed Section 6.04 Update.

A motion by Broeder, seconded by King add language citing Minnesota State Statue related to bidding and conflicts of interest to the language and approve. Voting in favor: Broeder, King, Jones, Vortherms, and Wells. Voting against: None. Motion carried.

The Charter Commission discussed Chapters 9-11. There were no comments or requested changes to these chapters.

The Charter Commission also determined that Chapters 12 and 13 will be reviewed at the next meeting. Once a full review of the Le Sueur City Charter is complete, all proposed changes will go to City Council for consideration of adoption.

A motion by Vortherms, seconded by Jones to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Voting in favor: Broeder, King, Jones, Vortherms, and Wells. Voting against: None. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Jasper Kruggel

From: steigerfam4@gmail.com
To: [Jasper Kruggel](#)
Subject: Charter Commission
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:21:18 PM

Hello,

Please accept my resignation from the Le Sueur Charter Commission as i have recently moved outside the city limits. It has been a pleasure to serve the community during my appointment. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Michelle Steiger

Michelle Steiger

CHAPTER 12. MISCELLANEOUS AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

SEC. 12.01 OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS: OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

The council shall annually designate a legal newspaper as provided by the laws of Minnesota as its official means of publication.

Statutory reference:

For state law as to city printing and designation of newspaper in which ordinances, resolutions, etc., are to be published, commonly called the "official newspaper", see M.S.A. § 411.34

SEC. 12.02 OATH OF OFFICE.

Every officer of the city shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath of office in substantially the following form: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) to support the Constitution of the United States and of this state and to discharge faithfully the duties devolving upon me as (title of officer) of the City of Le Sueur to the best of my judgement and ability."

SEC. 12.03 CITY OFFICERS NOT TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS.

Except as otherwise permitted by law, no officer of the city who is authorized to take part in any manner in any contract with the city shall voluntarily have a personal financial interest in such contract or personally benefit financially therefrom.

SEC. 12.04 OFFICIAL BONDS.

Such officers or employees of the city as may be provided for by ordinance shall each before entering upon the duties of his respective office or employment, give a corporate surety bond to the city in such form and in such amount as may be fixed by the council as security for the faithful performance of his official duties and the safekeeping of the public funds. Such bonds may be either individual or blanket bonds at the discretion of the council. They shall be approved by the city council, and approved as to form by the city attorney, and filed with the city clerk. The provisions of the laws of the state relating to official bonds not inconsistent with this Charter shall be complied with. The premiums on such bonds shall be paid by the city.

SEC. 12.05 SALES OF REAL PROPERTY.

No real property of the city shall be disposed of except by general ordinance. The city clerk shall give notice by publication for two (2) consecutive weeks that the proposed sale will be considered by the council at a public hearing at a time and place designated therein. The proceeds of any sale of such property shall be used as far as possible to retire any outstanding indebtedness incurred by the city in the purchase, construction, or improvement of this or other property used for the same public purpose, if there is no such outstanding indebtedness, the council may by resolution designate some other public use for the proceeds.

SEC. 12.06 VACATION OF STREETS.

The council may by ordinance approved by a majority of the full council vacate any street or alley or part thereof within the city. Such vacation may be made only after the city clerk has given notice by publication for two consecutive weeks that the proposed vacation will be considered by the council at a public hearing at a time and place designated therein. A duly certified transcript of such ordinance shall be filed with the appropriate recording officer of the county in which said lands lie.

SEC. 12.07 CITY TO SUCCEED TO RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FORMER CITY.

The city shall succeed to all the property, rights, and privileges, and shall be subject to all legal obligations of the city under any former charter or statute.

SEC. 12.08 PRESENT OFFICERS TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL TIME HEREIN STATED; ELECTION AND TERMS OF FUTURE MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN.

To provide for transition to calendar year terms as provided for in this Charter, council and mayor offices standing for election in the 2016 election shall serve for a term ending the first business day of January 2020, at which time these offices shall be filled for four (4) year terms by election in November of 2019 as provided for under this Charter.

All present elected council offices with terms expiring in January of 2019 shall stand for election in November of 2018 for four (4) year terms commencing first business day of 2019 as provided for under this Charter.

The Mayor's term expires the first business day of January 2017 and as such the Mayor shall stand for election in November 2016 for a term of four (4) years commencing the first business day of 2017.

(Ord. 556, passed 6-27-2016)

Editor's note:

This Charter was adopted by the voters on March 9, 1971 and pursuant to §1.05, became effective 30 days thereafter.

Amendments to this Charter were adopted _____, 2016 by the City Council after recommendation by the Charter Commission and pursuant to M.S.A. § 410.012, subdivision 7, became effective 90 days after its passage and publication.

SEC. 12.09 STATUTES NOT AFFECTED BY CHARTER.

All general laws and statutes of the state applicable to all cities operating under home rule charters, or applicable to cities of the same class as the City of Le Sueur operating under home rule charters, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, shall apply to the City of Le Sueur, and shall be construed as supplementary to the provisions of this Charter.

SEC. 12.10 EXISTING ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS CONTINUED IN EFFECT.

All ordinances and regulations of the city of force when this Charter takes effect and not inconsistent with the provisions thereof, are hereby continued in full force and effect until amended or repealed.

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CHAPTER 13. CHARTER COMMISSION

SEC. 13.01 CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP.

The Le Sueur Charter Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, of which a maximum of two (2) may be active elected or appointed City Council Members.

The Mayor shall appoint one (1) member of the active City Council to serve on the Charter Commission. If after solicitation and recruitment to fill a vacancy fails, a second member of the Le Sueur City Council shall be appointed by the Mayor. These appointments shall align with the appointed City Council member's current term.

Terms shall commence on January 1st of a given year and last a total of four (4) years, expiring on December 31st. Terms shall be staggered in a manner where no more than five (5) member terms are expired in any given year. This shall be obtained by staggering terms by two (2) years.

(Ord. 576, passed 6-25-2018)