

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The Charter Review Committee of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

John Ballard McDonald, Chairperson
Edwina Miller, Vice Chairperson
Allan R. Smith
Preston A. Brown
Thelma Holland
James Smith
Mike Kelly
Alex Nemer II
Isaac Wynn
Kenneth Davidson
Mike Davis
Ron Stutes, City Attorney
Teresa Herrera, City Secretary
Jeffrey Lyons, Dev. Services Director

Vice Chairperson Miller arrived at 12:16 p.m. Chairperson McDonald and Committee Member Nemer arrived at 12:27 p.m.

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Davis made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Brown, to approve the minutes as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Section-By-Section Review of Existing Charter

The following sections were discussed by the Committee:

Article VI. Council-Manager Form of Government
Section 6.0 – Form of Government. No changes to this section.

Section 6.1 – Appointment and qualifications [of city manager]. The term immediately needs to be defined. Some members think that the City should not offer additional training for the city manager. Adding that city managers should already be capable of running a city when hire at the City of Palestine.

Section 6.2 – Term and removal [of city manager]. The committee does not want to limit the terms for city managers.

Section 6.3 – Powers and duties [of city manager]. The committee does not wish to make any changes to this section.

Section 6.4 – Directors of departments. The committee questioned if it was necessary to list all department directors in this section. The committee decided to come back to this section at a future day.

The committee would like to add somewhere in the Charter that the Charter needs to be reviewed and updated every five years.

The Committee did not take action at this meeting.

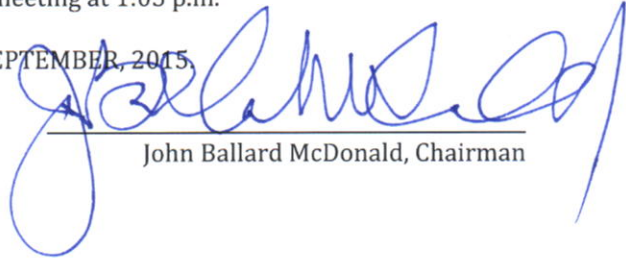
Items for Placement on Future Agendas

Vice Chairperson Miller announced that at the next meeting they would continue pointing out areas of interest from the City Charter for future discussion starting with Article VI. Council-Manager Form of Government, Section 6.5 – Term of officers. And Article VII. Budget. The next meeting will be on September 14th at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business come before the Committee, Committee Member Kelly made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Davidson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.



John Ballard McDonald, Chairman

ATTEST:



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary