

**FERGUS FALLS CHARTER COMMISSION
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

To: Seventh Judicial District Court Judge
From: Mark Hovland, Chair of the Fergus Falls Charter Commission

Commission Activities

The Fergus Falls Charter Commission met two (2) times in 2021 on the following dates: April 13 and September 14, 2021.

Items discussed/reviewed included:

- Out of concern for the necessity of continuity of government should a catastrophic event occur, the Charter Commission explored existing provisions in the Charter and City Code to determine if there was adequate written protocols and procedures in place. The Charter Commission reviewed **Charter Section 4.01. COUNCIL MEETINGS**, and also **City Code 31.08. INTERIM EMERGENCY SUCCESSION**. It was the consensus of the City Attorney and the Charter Commission that the concern for continuity of government could be addressed by revising and updating the current City Code. The Charter Commission presented the City Attorney and City Administrator with proposed revisions to City Code 31.08. On May 3, 2021 Chairperson Hovland attended a meeting of the City Council to address any questions regarding the ordinance revision. The council was in favor of the revisions and after the required postings, hearings and notifications to the public, the revised ordinance was subsequently adopted.
- **The following terms expire in 2021:** No members have terms expiring in 2021.
- **Resignations.** There were no resignations received in 2021.
- **Individuals recommended for appointment or re-appointment to the Charter Commission:** Since there were no terms expiring in 2021 there were no re-appointments to the Charter Commission.

2021 Meeting Attendance:

Member	04/13/21	9/14/21
Tim Brennan	Present	Present
Sarah Duffy	Present	Absent/Excused
Richard Edinger	Present	Present
Dan Edwards	Present	Absent
Dick Felstul	Present	Present
Mark Hovland	Present	Present
Desta Hunt	Present	Present
Gordon Hydukovich	Present	Present
Mary Jo Igelstad	Present	Absent
Gary Nelson	Absent/Excused	Present
Dave Prazak	Present	Absent/Excused
R. Kristian Svingen	Present	Present
JoEllen Thacker	Present	Present
John Wagner	Present	Present

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Election of Officers for 2022

An election of officers was held at the Annual Meeting on September 14, 2021 with the following results:

- Chair – Mark Hovland
- Vice Chair – Gary Nelson
- Secretary – Tim Brennan

The following terms will expire on December 31, 2022: Richard Edinger, Dan Edwards, Mark Hovland, Desta Hunt, Gordon Hydukovich, R. Kristian Svingen, John Wagner.

Scheduled Meetings:

The 2022 Annual Meeting was set for September 13, 2022.