

ORDINANCE NO. 50, EIGHTH SERIES

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERGUS
FALLS, MINNESOTA, REPEALING CITY CODE
CHAPTER 31.25 AND AMENDING CITY CHARTER
CHAPTERS 2.07 AND 4.01.**

THE CITY OF FERGUS FALLS DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. City Code Chapter 31.25, Council Reorganization, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Section 2.07, The Mayor, of the City Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2.07. THE MAYOR. The Mayor shall be the presiding officer of the Council. The Mayor shall have a vote as a member of the Council only in the case of a tie. The Mayor shall exercise all powers and perform all duties conferred and imposed upon by this Charter, the ordinances of the City, and the laws of the State. The Mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the City for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process, and by the Governor for the purpose of martial law.

Section 3. Section 4.01, Council Meetings, of the City Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 4.01. COUNCIL MEETINGS. At its first regular meeting in January following a municipal election, the sitting Council may call a meeting to order only to recognize and issue awards to sitting or outgoing council members. No other business items shall be discussed or acted on and the council meeting shall adjourn sine die. All qualified new Council members shall be sworn in and seated. The new Council must assume their duties and select a Mayor pro tem and a Secretary of the Council. The Secretary of the Council may be the City Administrator. The new Council shall then take such other organizational acts, functions and business items as may be permitted or required. Thereafter, the Council shall meet at such time or times each month as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution; provided, that the Council shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. The Mayor, or any three members of the Council, may call special meetings of the Council upon such notice as is provided by ordinance or statute. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the members of the Council by any means provided in its rules which must be consistent with any applicable statutory provision. All meetings of the Council shall be public, except as otherwise provided by statute, and any citizen shall have access to the minutes and records thereof at all reasonable times.

Section 4. Summary Publication. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §412.191 a summary of the Ordinance may be published. While a copy of the entire ordinance is available without cost at the office of the City Clerk, the following summary is approved by the City Council and shall be published in lieu of publishing the entire ordinance.

Ordinance No. 50 adopted by the Fergus Falls City Council on the 16th day of October, 2023, repeals City Code Chapter 31.25 and amends City Charter Chapters 2.07 and 4.01.

Section 5. Effective date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be the 5th day of November, 2023.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on the 2nd day of October, 2023, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on the 16th day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Hicks, Fish, Job, Kvamme, Thompson, Rachels

NAYS: Kremeier

ABSENT: Rufer

ATTEST:

Andrew Bremseth

City Administrator

APPROVED:

Ben Schierer

Mayor

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