

1 Charter Commission
2 Minutes
3 Thursday, February 12, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M.
4 Blue Earth City Hall Council Chambers
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7 **Call to Order.**

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9 Mayor Scholtes called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
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11 **Roll Call**

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13 **Members present:** Mayor Richard Scholtes, Tim Juba, Glenn Gaylord,
14 Gary Armon, Frankie Bly and Bob Bromeland. Absent Ron Nesbit.
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16 **Staff present:** City Administrator Mary Kennedy.
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18 **Public Present**

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20 None.
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22 **Approval of Minutes**

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24 **Motion by Gaylord, second by Bly approving the minutes of Charter**
25 **Commission Meeting of December 12, 2020. The motion was approved**
26 **unanimously.**
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28 **Old Business**

29 Nothing
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31 **New Business**

32 Scholtes reviewed the progress report on the City, mentioning that
33 the start of 2020 year started off with Ibisch leaving the city
34 and the hiring of Kim More and how the situation unfolded and the
35 hiring of Kennedy. During this time Scholtes acted on and had
36 assisted city staff with day to day work and the circumstances
37 revolving around the COVID-19 problems. The city received
38 \$340,000.00 Cares Act funds with \$110,000.00 going to support
39 local business with utility bill, safety equipment exc. The City
40 purchased cleaning supplies, PPE and the video equipment for the
41 ability to hold distance meetings and trainings.
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43 Next, Scholtes brought forth the 2021 budget update, suggesting
44 that the City was able to hold the budget down at 3.5% increase,
45 with concerns that there could be cuts to the LGA funds with how
46 the economy is holding.

47 Scholtes updated the Charter on the 2021 Street projects, with
48 Nicollet & 10th Street reconstruction and the Walnut & Hood Street
49 reconstruction project.

50 Armon questioned the City sales tax collected, Kennedy revealed
51 that the report update indicated that there is a total of
52 \$354,606.09 in sales tax collected to date. Scholtes signified
53 that it has done well with the half of a percent collected.
54 Scholtes next addressed the housing project updates, mentioning
55 that APX has now purchased more land from the city to build a 20-
56 unit apartment complex on 14th Street, with the rest of the
57 developments moving along nicely.

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59 **Other Business**

60 Scholtes asked for recommendations for the Chairperson position
61 with Classon stepping down from the Charter Committee.

62 ***Motion by Gaylord, second by Bromeland to nominate Nesbit as the***
63 ***Chairperson for the Charter Committee. The motion passed***
64 ***unanimously.***

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66 Next, Scholtes addressed the open position on the committee with
67 taking suggestions to fill the Charter vacancy and letting city
68 staff know of the recommendations.

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70 ***Motion by Bly, second by Juba to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 P.M.***
71 ***The motion passed unanimously.***