

MINUTES**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

Brown County Courthouse Community Room, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, November 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., special meeting of the City Council.

CALL TO ORDER**MEETING ROLL CALL**

Present at roll call were City Council Members Mark Remily, Josh Rife, Justin Reinbold, Tiffany Langer, Clint Rux, and Mayor Travis Schaunaman. City Council Members Rob Ronayne, Dave Lunzman, and Alan Johnson were absent.

City Staff present were Ron Wager, Jordan McQuillen, and Joe Gaa.

CANVAS SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Brown County Auditor Cathy McNickle presented the election results from the Special Municipal Election held in coordination with the General Election on November 3, 2020. Ordinance No. 20-06-01 proposing a comprehensive amendment to the Aberdeen Home Rule Charter was referred to the voters of the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Motion by Rux, second by Rife to approve Resolution No. 20-11-01R declaring results of the canvas of Special Municipal Election on November 3, 2020. Upon roll call vote, all present voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-11-01R**RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS****OF CANVAS OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, in adopting Ordinance No. 20-06-01 on June 15, 2020, the City Council of Aberdeen, South Dakota, set the time and date for a Special Municipal Election to be held in the City in coordination with the General Election on November 3, 2020. The purpose of the special election was to refer to the voters of the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota, for approval or disapproval Ordinance No. 20-06-01 proposing a comprehensive amendment to the Aberdeen Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Home Rule Charter eliminates or modifies obsolete language regarding the transition in 2004 from the old commission-form of city government to the current city manager-form of government, revises when council member salaries may become effective, deletes the requirement that a conveyance or lease of city land for a period longer than one year be by ordinance, deletes specific terms of a misdemeanor punishment if a person disobeys a lawful order of the council, clarifies that roll call votes of council members are required only for ordinances, resolutions, and expenditures, requires an appointed council member to be subject to the same conditions of office as an elected council member, and includes numerous "housekeeping" changes to correct typographical, punctuation, and grammatical errors, misspelled words, incorrect letter case, incorrect singular and plural word forms, omitted, extra, or repeated words or phrases, incorrect or omitted references, and margin and formatting errors; and

WHEREAS, at the Special Municipal Election conducted on November 3, 2020, there were cast 6,750 legal votes **for** approving Ordinance No. 20²-06-01 changing the Home Rule Charter, and 3,923 legal votes **against** Ordinance No. 20-06-01 changing the Home Rule Charter, for a total of 10,673 legal votes cast; and

WHEREAS, the returns of said election are hereby declared and canvassed by the City Council.

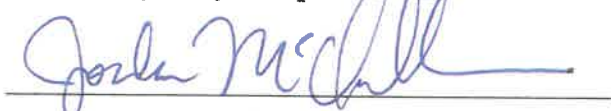
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, that a majority of the legal votes cast approved Ordinance No. 20-06-01 comprehensively amending the Aberdeen Home Rule Charter for the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Sec. 8.03 of the Aberdeen Home Rule Charter, Ordinance No. 20-06-01 amending the Home Rule Charter does become effective on December 3, 2020, as an Ordinance of the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota. The foregoing Resolution No. 20-11-01R was adopted at a special meeting of the Aberdeen City Council on the 6th day of November, 2020. Number of AYES: 6; Number of NAYS: 0 Members abstaining: None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Langer, second by Reinbold to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Prepared by Mary Campton for the Finance Office.



Deputy Finance Officer