

City of Townsend
Commission Meeting Minutes

For

September 11, 2013

Attendance: Attending the meeting was Mayor Michael Talley, Vice Mayor Becky Headrick, Commissioner Jackie Suttles, Commissioner Ron Palewski, Commissioner David Wietlisbach, City Recorder Shelia Moss, Police Chief Ron Suttles, Margaret Norris, Don Headrick, Debbie Baum, and two other citizens.

Pledge: Mayor Talley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 pm.

Charter Revision: Recorder Moss introduced Mrs. Norris to each Commissioner and the Police Chief and then turned the floor over to Mrs. Norris. Mrs. Norris began by giving a light civics lesson relating to municipal charters. She then handed out a proposed charter structure to each Commissioner and explained each section title and subsection title. Mrs. Norris then asked the Commission if they had any questions or concerns. Mayor Talley mentioned that he liked the new structure. Mrs. Norris then mentioned Dillon’s rule and then explained the rule. She explained that the city’s charter is what the city has authority to do and the city’s ordinances detail how authority is carried out. Mrs. Norris mentioned that there is a lot of “how to” in the current charter which she would like to take out. Vice Mayor Headrick said that the charter was a hard read in relation to understanding. Vice Mayor Headrick and Mayor Talley also mentioned concerns relating to schools, quarantine, shutting down wells, and adding the option for a city manager. Mrs. Norris and the Commission began going through the charter. Mrs. Norris and the Commission made it through page C-6 number 25. Recorder Moss then confirmed future called meeting dates for this project. September 24, 2013 and October 21, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm are the next meeting dates.

Commissioner Suttles made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Commissioner Wietlisbach seconded and the motion passed with 5 ye a votes.

Shelia Moss

Approve: _____ date _____
Title: _____