

**CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE**

**MINUTES**

**Charter Commission Meeting**  
Van Alstyne Community Center  
262 N Preston Ave

**October 14, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Members present: Jim Atchison, Ryan Neal, Marla Butler, Bruce Dawsey, Lee Thomas, Katrina Arsenault, Robert Jaska, Dusty Wells, Griff Servati, Jim DuBois, Mike Drynan, Christy Allen Wilson, Larry Cooper, Bob Hendricks and Alternate Ryan Laing.

Members absent: Steve Deluna.

Staff present: Lane Jones, Jennifer Gould and David Ritter.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order. *The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.*
2. Initiate the City of Van Alstyne Charter development process. *Jim Atchison was nominated and appointed as Chairman by unanimous vote. Bob Hendricks was nominated and appointed as Chairman Pro Tempore by unanimous vote. Jennifer Gould was nominated and appointed as Secretary by unanimous vote. Discussion was held regarding the variations in the current form of government being General Law and the proposed form of government being Home Rule. State law determines the powers of a General Law City. A Home Rule City may determine its powers unless state law says no. The powers of a Home Rule City are set out in the City's Charter which is equivalent to a constitution. Upon finalization of a Charter, the Commission will recommend the document to City Council who may order an election to allow voters to accept or deny the proposed Charter.*
3. Adjournment. *Ryan Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. Bruce Dawsey seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

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Jim Atchison, Chairman

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Jennifer Gould, Secretary