

CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE

MINUTES

Charter Commission Meeting
Van Alstyne Community Center
262 N Preston Ave

October 21, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Members present: Jim Atchison, Ryan Neal, Lee Thomas, Katrina Arsenault, Robert Jaska, Dusty Wells, Griff Servati (arrived at 6:13pm), Jim DuBois, Mike Drynan, Christy Allen Wilson, Larry Cooper, Bob Hendricks and Alternate Ryan Laing.

Members absent: Steve Deluna, Marla Butler and Bruce Dawsey.

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. *Chairman Atchison called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.*
2. Form of government.

Topic	Polling Result	Commission Decision
Form of Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong Mayor/Council - 0• Weak Mayor/Council - 0• Council/Manager - 12• Commission – 0• Not Enough Information to Answer - 0	Council/Manager form of government

3. Size and composition of governing body.

Topic	Polling Result	Commission Decision
Council Size (including the Mayor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five (5) – 0• Six (6) – 1• Seven (7) - 11• More than seven – 0• Other option - 0	Seven (7) 1 Mayor 6 City Councilors

4. Terms of office.

Topic	Polling Result	Commission Decision
City Councilor Term Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year – 0 • Two (2) years – 2 • Three (3) years – 10 • Four (4) years – 0 • Other Option - 0 	Three (3) Year City Councilor Term
Mayoral Term Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year – 0 • Two (2) years – 0 • Three (3) years – 11 • Four (4) years – 1 • Other Option - 0 	Three (3) Year Mayoral Term Length
City Councilor Term Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) Consecutive Terms - 0 • Three (3) Consecutive Terms - 0 • Four (4) Consecutive Terms – 10 • More than Four – 1 	Four (4) Consecutive Term Limit for a City Councilor (12 years total)
Mayoral Term Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Consensus 	Four (4) Consecutive Term Limit for the Mayor (12 years total)
Method of City Council representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At large representation - 0 • At large representation by place (seat) - 10 • Single-member districts – 0 • Variations on single-member districts – 0 • Mixed single-member districts and at large seats - 1 	City Councilors elected at large by place
Election of the Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the electorate, running at large – 8 • Elected by the Council from among its members - 0 	The Mayor is elected by the voters, running at large
Council term overlap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consecutive terms – all members stand for election at the same time – 0 • Staggered terms – Councilor terms overlap - 12 	Staggered terms 2-2-3 seats per year pattern

5. Adjournment. *Ryan Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Bob Hendricks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*

Jim Atchison, Chairman

Jennifer Gould, Secretary