

# CITY OF HAM LAKE

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## CITY OF HAM LAKE CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

The Ham Lake Charter Commission met on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dwight McCullough; Vice Chair Brenda Reiner; Commissioners Gary Kirkeide, Tara Lanigan, Al Stauffacher, Bill Vokovan, and David Ross

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m. – Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair McCullough called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.0 OATH OF OFFICE – None

3.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

**Motion by Vokovan, seconded by Reiner, to nominate and elect Dwight McCullough as Chair of the Charter Commission. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by McCullough, seconded by Vokovan, to nominate and elect Brenda Reiner as Vice-Chair of the Charter Commission. All in favor, motion carried.**

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion by Vokovan, seconded by Ross, to approve the March 26, 2025 agenda as written. All in favor, motion carried.**

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 27, 2024

**Motion by Kirkeide, seconded by Stauffacher, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Charter Commission meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.**

6.0 APPEARANCES – None

7.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS – None

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Kirkeide stated that recently auto-pens have been an issue with government, and he does not see an issue with using auto pens. Commissioner McCullough stated that the city has good, trustworthy staff and does not see an issue with using auto pens.

Commissioner Vokovan stated that the City of Ham Lake will soon be debt free with no bond debt. Commissioner Vokovan stated that this is unusual for a city to not have bond debt. Commissioner Vokovan asked if the money that would be saved from not paying bond debt could be invested. Commissioner Kirkeide stated if they could take the excess money and invest it to have little or no taxes in the future.

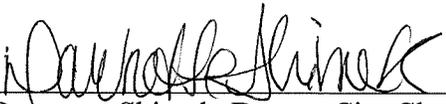
Commissioner McCullough asked if there are public beaches in the City and it was determined that there are none.

**HAM LAKE CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.01 Council to Control Finances**

The Council shall have full authority over the financial affairs of the City. It shall provide for the collection of all revenues and other assets, the auditing and settlement of accounts, and the safe keeping and disbursement of public monies.

9.0 ADJOURN

**Motion by Reiner, seconded by Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

  
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Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk