
January 10, 2023

The City of Sulphur Home Rule Charter Commission held their meeting at its temporary location located at 1551 East Napoleon Street in the Council Chambers, Sulphur, Louisiana, on January 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. after full compliance with the convening of said meeting with the following present:

Gena Granger - absent
Donna Emmons
Sid Rosteet
Carla Sigler
Danny DiPetta
Becky Venissat
Justin Sittig – elected this meeting

After the meeting was called to order and the roll called with the above result, prayer was led by Mrs. Venissat, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. DiPetta.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the previous meeting. With no changes made, motion was made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mr. Rosteet that the minutes stand as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the agenda stand as written. Motion carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda is to swear-in new member to the Home Rule Charter Commission. Motion was made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Emmons to elect Justin Sittig to represent District 3. Motion carried unanimously. Cade Cole, City Attorney, then swore-in Mr. Sittig.

The next item on the agenda is to discuss Articles 1, 2 and 3 of the Home Rule Charter and make any proposed revisions. Motion was made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mr. Rosteet that the following amendments be made:

- Full justify the entire Charter
- In Section 1-01 – move the period before the quotation mark at the end of the first sentence.

Section 1-01. Home Rule Charter

The City of Sulphur Home Rule Charter Commission has proposed and the electors have adopted this, their Home Rule Charter, under the authority of Article VI, Section 5, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, hereinafter referred to as "constitution." The City of Sulphur is therefore a local governmental subdivision which operates under a Home Rule Charter and, subject to said Charter, is authorized as hereinafter provided to exercise any power and perform any function necessary, requisite or proper for the management of its local affairs.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following amendment be made to Section 2-01 (D) and Section 2-02 (B):

Section 2-01. Composition, Qualifications and Election

- D. A council member shall continue to be legally domiciled and to actually reside within the district from which elected during the term of office. Should the legal domicile and/or actual residence of a council member change from the district from which elected, unless changed by **reapportionment** **redistricting**, the office shall automatically become vacant, which vacancy shall be filled as set out hereinafter.

Section 2-02. **Reapportionment** **Redistricting**

- B. No ordinance effecting **apportionment** **redistricting** shall be considered for final passage by the council until at least three (3) advertised public hearings have been held on the proposal.

Sheila Broussard addressed the Commission and stated that in addition to the 3 advertised public hearings, it should be posted on all social media. Maybe there should be a definition section somewhere in the Charter for advertisements.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mr. Sittig that the following amendment be made:

- Add to 2-02 (B).....Publication shall be in accordance with governing law.

After discussion, Mrs. Sigler and Mr. Sittig withdrew their motions.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Venissat seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 2-04 (B):

Section 2-04. Vacancies

B. A vacancy on the council shall be filled by appointment of a person meeting the qualifications for office by a majority of the remaining members of the council. If ~~one (1) year~~ **eighteen (18) months** or less of the unexpired term remains when the vacancy occurs, the appointee shall serve out the remainder of the term. If the vacancy occurs more than **18 months** ~~one (1) year~~ prior to the expiration of the term, the appointee shall serve until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the council for that purpose. The council, within ~~fifteen (15)~~ **twenty (20)** days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue a proclamation ordering the election to fill the vacancy. The election shall be held according to the timetable and procedures established by state law generally for the filling of vacancies in elected local offices.

Sheila Broussard addressed the Commission and stated that advertisements for this section should also be placed on social media like requested in Section 2-02B.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made 2-04 (C):

C. If the council does not make an appointment as required by this section within thirty (30) days, the appointment shall be made by the governor. If an election is required and the council fails to issue the proclamation within ~~fifteen (15)~~ **twenty (20)** days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall issue the proclamation.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mr. Sittig seconded by Mrs. Sigler that the following amendment be made to Section 2-05:

Section 2-05. Compensation

The council may, by ordinance, change the salary of the council provided that no ordinance changing such salary shall be passed during the last year of the term of the council and further provided that the salary change shall not become effective during the term of the council in office at the time the salary is changed. ~~The compensation of council members shall be three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per month.~~ Council members shall be reimbursed for properly vouchered expenses incurred in conducting business of the City while outside the City.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following amendment be made to Section 2-06 (A):

Section 2-06. Prohibitions

- A. A council member shall hold no other elected public office, nor be a compensated official or employee of the City government or any of its political subdivisions during the term for which elected to the council. ~~and no former council member shall hold any compensated appointive office or employment of the City government or any of its political subdivisions until one (1) year after the expiration of the term for which elected to the council.~~ Nothing in this section shall prohibit a council member from serving as a member of a Charter Commission, constitutional convention or political party committee **nor prevent a Council member from appointment to a vacancy pursuant to Sections 2-04 or 3-07.**

Cade Cole, City Attorney, stated that in 2008 legislation was passed that amended to 2 years. This charter isn't as restrictive anymore. This will match state law if it's amended. Sheila Broussard addressed the Commission and stated that the Council is very adamant voting for the Commission. She's spoke to many people and citizens said Council shouldn't have the power over the Commission. The citizens that she spoke to don't want this.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mr. Sittig that the following amendment be made to Section 2-07 (A):

- A. The council shall meet regularly at least once a month at such times and places as the council may prescribe by ordinance. Special meetings may be held on the call of the mayor, the presiding officer of the council or a majority of the membership of the council with such notice as may be required by state law. To meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety, the council may meet upon call of the mayor, the presiding officer of the council or a majority of the membership of the council at whatever notice it shall be convenient to give. The call convening a special or emergency meeting of the council shall state the objects of the meeting. The power of the council to act at a special or emergency meeting shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the call **unless agenda items are added in accordance with applicable State law.**

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat
NAYS: None
ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mr. Rosteet that the following amendment be made to
Section 2-07 (C):

- C. The council shall operate under Roberts Rules of Order in all cases which are not inconsistent with this Charter or special rules of order the council may adopt, and the council shall provide for keeping a journal of its minutes and proceedings. This journal shall be a public record. All official action of the council shall be published **and posted** in **accordance with State law**, ~~the official journal within thirty (30) days of the action taken.~~

Mrs. Sigler then stated that she didn't think the "S" in "State law" above needed to be capitalized. She said she would research it and get back with the Commission on this.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat
NAYS: None
ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following amendment be made
to Section 2-07 (D):

- D. At all regular **and special** meetings of the council, the council shall operate from an agenda which shall ~~have been~~ **be** posted in **accordance with applicable State law**, ~~a prominent place in City Hall and made available to the news media within seven (7) days of the meeting.~~ The published agenda may be amended at the meeting **in accordance with applicable State law**, ~~upon the favorable vote of a majority of the council membership, but only for routine administrative matters which developed between the time the~~

agenda was submitted for publication and the scheduled meeting. The agenda for special or emergency meetings shall be made available to the public as soon as practical prior to the meeting.

Cade Cole, City Attorney, stated that this will bring us in compliance with state law.

Sheila Broussard addressed the Commission and stated that City Council always adds items to their agenda at the meetings. At one meeting they added the approval of a liquor license. This doesn't protect the public.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Venissat seconded by Mrs. Sigler that the following amendment be made to Section 2-10 (A):

- A. The council shall appoint a clerk of the council who shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The clerk shall give notice of council meetings to its members and the public, keep the journal of its proceedings, be official secretary of the council and perform such other duties as are assigned to the position by this Charter or by the council **and reviewed annually**.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 2-10 (B):

- B. The council shall, **by ordinance**, fix the salary of the clerk, **by adoption of the operating budget** and the salary shall be comparable to salaries in the executive branch for similar work.

Mr. Sittig showed concern with taking out “by ordinance”. To him that takes away from Council. Not that anyone currently would do anything wrong but this is for the future.

Cade Cole, City Attorney, stated that rather than the salary be set by a stand-alone ordinance, this salary would be put in the table inside the operating budget that the Council does adopt by ordinance. It would still be voted on by ordinance, just not a stand-alone ordinance. This would be just like any other employee’s salary.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

At this time Mrs. Robertson had a question regarding Section 2-11. She wanted to know how to find out how to interpret the ordinances.

Sheila Broussard showed concern regarding Section 2-11 (18).

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 2-12 (C):

- C. With the final approval of ordinances by the mayor, or the council in case of a veto by the mayor, such enacted ordinances shall be published in full in the official journal by the clerk of the council within ten (10) days after passage provided, however, that ordinances adopting codes of technical regulations or adopting or amending the operating budget or capital improvement budget may be published in full or in summary at the council's discretion. Every enacted ordinance, unless it shall specify another date, shall become effective **upon the approval of the Mayor or approval of the Council over his veto, as provided for in Section 2-13** at expiration of thirty (30) days after publication by the council.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Venissat seconded by Mr. Rosteet that the following amendment be made to Section 2-13 (A):

- A. Every ordinance adopted by the council shall be signed by the presiding officer, except that upon failure of the presiding officer to sign the ordinance, the clerk of the council shall certify to its passage and it shall be presented to the mayor within three (3) calendar days after adoption, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and City holidays. The clerk of the council, **or in the absence of the Clerk, the Chairman of the Council,** shall record upon the ordinance the date and hour of its delivery to the mayor.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

At this time Mrs. Broussard showed concern regarding Section 2-12 (A) “expressed clearly in the title”.

Motion was then made by Mr. Rosteet seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 2-13 (D):

- D. The right of the mayor to veto as provided in this section shall apply to all ordinances adopted by the council except ordinances for **reapportionment-redistricting**; amendments to this Charter; establishing, altering or modifying council procedure; or appropriating funds for auditing or investigating any part of the executive branch.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 2-15:

The council, by ordinance, may adopt any standard code of technical relations by reference. The procedure and requirements governing the adopting of such ordinances shall be as prescribed for ordinances generally, except that a period of ~~sixty (60)~~ **thirty (30)** days shall be allowed between the time of introduction and final passage of the ordinance. During this interim, copies of any proposed code shall be available for public review. A copy of each adopted code of technical regulations as well as the adopting ordinance shall be authenticated and recorded by the clerk of the council in the official records of the City government. Such adopted codes of technical regulations shall be published at least by title or by reference in the official journal by the clerk as soon as practical following such final adoption.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following amendment be made to Section 2-15:

- Change the word “relations” to “regulations”.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

At this time Mrs. Robertson had a question on Section 2-16 (B). She wanted to know why this section would be “sold to the public at cost”. Cade Cole, City Attorney, stated that this is only if they want a hard copy.

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following amendment be made to Section 2-17 (A):

- A. The power to perform any service or provide any facility granted to the City government by this Charter or by the constitution and general laws of the state shall in all cases carry with it the power to levy taxes and to borrow money within the limits and in accordance with procedures prescribed by the constitution and general laws of the state. The council shall have, and is hereby granted, all of the authority to levy and collect taxes, to incur debt, and issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness, as is now or hereafter conferred on governing authorities of cities by the constitution and general laws of the state, **special laws applicable to the city**, or as may be hereafter specially conferred by the electors of the City.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Venissat that the following amendment be made to Section 3-04 (A):

- A. ~~The salary of the first mayor elected under this Charter shall be thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$38,500.00) annually.~~ The council may, by ordinance, change the salary of the mayor provided that no ordinance changing such salary shall be passed during the last year of the term of the mayor and further provided that the salary change shall not become effective during the term of the mayor in office at the time the salary is changed. The mayor shall, upon presentation of properly documented receipts, be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the official duties of the office.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 3-07 (B) and (C):

- B. A vacancy in the office of mayor shall be filled by appointment of a person meeting the qualifications for the office by a majority vote of the authorized membership of the council. If ~~one (1) year or~~ **less than (18) months** of the unexpired term remains when the vacancy occurs, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy occurs more than **(18) eighteen months** ~~one (1) year~~ prior to the expiration of the term, the appointment shall be until such time as the office is filled by the vote of the qualified electors voting in an election called by the council for that purpose. The council, within ~~fifteen (15)~~ **twenty (20)** days after the vacancy occurs, shall issue a proclamation ordering the election to fill the vacancy. The election shall be held according to the timetable and procedures established by state law generally for the filling of vacancies in elected local offices.
- C. If the council does not make an appointment as required by this section within thirty (30) days, the appointment shall be made by the governor. If an election is required and the council fails to issue the proclamation within ~~fifteen (15)~~ **twenty (20)** days after the vacancy occurs, the governor shall issue the proclamation.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Venissat seconded by Mrs. Emmons that the following amendment be made to Section 3-08 (B):

- B. When the mayor expects to be absent from **and unavailable to** the City for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, the mayor shall notify the clerk of the council in writing of the expected duration of the absence.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Emmons seconded by Mr. Sittig that the following amendment be made to Section 3-10 (A):

- A. The mayor shall be a full-time official and shall hold no other elected public office nor any compensated appointive office or employment of the City government or any of its political subdivisions during the term of office for which elected and shall hold no compensated appointive office or employment of the City government until ~~one (1) year~~ **two (2) years** after expiration of the term for which elected. The mayor shall not engage in any activity unrelated to City government business that would interfere with or detract from the performance of duties as mayor.

At this time Sheila Broussard addressed the Commission and asked about the mayor being a full-time official and only having one job. Cade Cole, City Attorney, stated that other mayor's have had their own businesses. As long as he gives 40 hours a week, he can do whatever he wants on his own time.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Venissat the following amendment be made to Section 3-10 (B):

- B. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the mayor from serving as an elected member of a political party committee, Charter Commission or constitutional convention. **Nothing in this section shall prohibit a former Mayor from appointment by the Council to a vacancy pursuant to Sections 2-04 or 3-07.**

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

This concludes all the amendments for Articles I, II and III.

The next item on the agenda is to discuss rules for public input. Mrs. Sigler stated that this item has to do with a motion and second that was made at the last meeting. The motion was that the Commission shouldn't be able to talk to the public regarding the amendments to the charter. There was discussion about each Commissioner getting their own email provided by the city. It was decided that all emails should go to the Council Clerk, and she can disseminate the emails to the Commission. Motion was then made by Mrs. Sigler seconded by Mrs. Venissat to reconsider their previous motion at their December 13, 2022, meeting concerning speaking to the public on charter amendment.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the amendment was declared duly adopted on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

A vote was then called by the Chairman to vote that Commissioners do not discuss Home Rule Charter changes outside of their public meetings.

A vote was then called with the results as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Mrs. Emmons, Mr. Sittig, Mr. Rosteet, Mrs. Sigler, Mr. DiPetta, Mrs. Venissat

ABSENT: - Mrs. Granger

And the motion failed on this 10th day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

(The Commission can now communicate with the public on Home Rule Charter changes).

Sheila Broussard then addressed the Commission and asked that the citizens of Sulphur be notified through the cities notification system. Citizens can sign up for this. The city can also send out email alerts. She also asked that the Commission meetings be posted on the city's website on the calendar and a bio of each Commissioner. Mr. DiPetta asked that Mrs. Broussard send the Council Clerk an email of her wants and Mrs. Blanchard can send to the Commission.

The next item on the agenda is open discussion with Commissioners. It was discussed that at the next meeting on January 23rd, Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 be discussed. If these Articles take too long at this meeting the remaining of the Articles can be addressed at the February 16, 2023, scheduled meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

ARLENE BLANCHARD, Secretary

DANNY DIPETTA, Chairman

1/10/23