

**Local Government Review
Study Commission Meeting
Council Chambers
January 9, 2015
4:00 pm**

Present: Ex-Officio, Kimberly Rowse, Commission: Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Anthony Brown, and City Clerk Tracy Rebo.

GUESTS: Ashley Neely, Phoenix Nivens, Dave Norman, Robert Boren Sr. Cortenie Rebo, Kayleeann Rebo, and Daniel Rebo

OATH OF OFFICE: City Clerk Tracy Rebo administered the Oath of Office to the Commissioners; Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, and Anthony Brown.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT: Kimberly Rowse explained what she had learned in the training in Bozeman. Rowse gave each commissioner an outline to be followed. She expressed that the Commission has two years to come up with a final report. Rowse advised that the Study Commissioner's tasks are to compare the different forms of government. Rowse continued; two public hearings are required and suggested a survey should be done. She also asked of them to look for interested alternates in the case commissioner steps down.

Rowse let be known that her role is a liaison between the Commission and the City. And all requests of the City should go through her and not directly to the City. She advised that the ex-officio is a non-voting member, so anytime there is a vote, there only has to be two commissioners. A Chair needs to be elected to set meeting times and assignments.

ELECTION OF CHAIR: Anthony Brown nominated Phil Fisher as Commission Chairman. Fran McCully seconded. Fisher accepted the nomination. **Motion** to approve Phil Fisher to Chair the Commission was made by Anthony Brown and seconded by Fran McCully **Motion Carried.**

Discussion followed regarding meeting schedules and agendas. They looked at examples.

BUDGET: Discussion on the Commission budget followed. Rowse advised that she learned that some commissions from small governments can team up with other commissions to share expenses. It was determined to bring to the next meeting: budget information, Helena dates, and emails to list serve.

DISCUSSION: Adding commission members to their list-serve was agreed on. Interview employees; distribute report of findings, public hearings, and final report were issues planned for future meetings. It was suggested to have a meeting to explain the different types of government and explain. McCully agreed. A brief history of Troy's type of government was discussed. Phil Fisher stated that the Commission can adjust the Charter, make changes and bring to the people. He would like to set up meetings right away and a public meeting to hear their input. Anthony Brown asked for examples of things that are being looked at to change. McCully suggested a public meeting to hand out copies of the Charter so the public can go through the Charter line by line.

Discussion followed. A copy of the current charter for the City of Troy will be available to the public at the meetings. McCully would like the definition of the different forms of government for the next meeting. It was also discussed to place advertisements in newspapers, and locations on where Public Hearings could be held.

Fisher asked if there needs to be a clerk for minutes. Rowse answered; yes. The next meeting was scheduled to be on January 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM to discuss the budget, future meetings, and a work plan.

ADJOURN: Anthony Brown made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm, Fran McCully seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Phillip Fisher, Chair

ATTEST:

Tracy Rebo, City Clerk/Treasurer