

On May 4, 2017 The Charter and Ordinance committee met at 6 PM to discuss needed changes to our City Charter. The specific changes presented by Alderman Larson was to make our Charter gender neutral and indicated that there are about 7 places in the Charter that we need to change from "he" to either "they or he/she". Members of the committee in attendance were Chairman Donahue, Aldermen Humphrey, Notte, Larson, missing was Chris Etori. Also present was board President Davis and city attorney Bloomer. There was no opposition to making these changes and Matt told us we had to follow all applicable rules to make these changes. Voter approvable followed by State Legislative action. We discussed other changes that we could possibly make and agreed that it should be an ongoing process and to take up these issues as they come along and present them as a group, to the voters, in March 2018.

Alderman Notte Made a Motion to refer this and any future changes to Attorney Bloomer to be made ready to present to the voters next March. Motion approved 4/0. So moved.

Gary Donahue 5/10/17

