

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Hardin Government Study Review Commission Meeting Agenda

March 19, 2025

5:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Public comment

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of previous meetings:
 - a. February 19, 2025
 - b. February 26, 2025
2. Prepare for Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING at 6:30 p.m.

1. Presentation on current form and function of Hardin City Government
2. Presentation on other forms of local government allowed by law.
3. Public Input on the form and function of Hardin City Government and possible change

Hardin Local Government Review Study Commission

February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

At 5:35 p.m., Chairperson Carolyn Dawes called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Carolyn Dawes, Randy Mercier.

No members of the public were present for Public Comment.

Carolyn stated that because there are only two commissioners present, Carolyn stated that she would reschedule the meeting to February 26, 2025 at 5:30. Randy agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of March, 2025

Caorlyn Dawes, Chairperson

Hardin Local Government Review Study Commission

February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

At 5:47 p.m., Chairperson Carolyn Dawes called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Carolyn Dawes, Jason Stephenson and Randy Mercier. Also present was Jordan Knudsen, ex-officio member.

No members of the public were present for Public Comment.

Carolyn moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of January 15, 2024, and Randy seconded. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair called up the first order of business, the timetable. Jason stated that he wanted Feb 19, 2025 changed to February 26, 2025 since the meeting was moved. Jason made a motion regarding that change, which was seconded by Randy. Voice vote called, passed unanimously. Publication will be done by Jason.

The discussion then turned to the meeting scheduled for March 19, 2025. Jason set he will get radio announcements done. Carolyn mentioned that people are reading posts, but there's not a lot of interest. Jason wants comments on what goals are so he has talking points for the radio. Carolyn asked how it would be best presented to the public at the public hearing. Randy suggested a printed handout. Carolyn wants to use one of the 15 minute phone calls to the MSU trainer. Randy and Jason agreed that Carolyn could do that. Carolyn stated that she will prepare for the presentation. Carolyn asked what should be put on the presentation. Randy suggested that the MSU trainer may already have something prepared that we could use. Jason stated that we need to show the public which direction committee is headed, and that may get more attention and participation. Carolyn suggested that commissioners get suggestions to Jason by March 7 so that Jason can use them on the radio.

Jason moved that the public hearing start at 6:30 p.m. March 19, following the 5:30 meeting. Randy seconded the motion, and a voice vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason suggested a special meeting before March 19 to prepare for public hearing. Much discussion was held on the idea. Randy suggested that we meet at 5:00 on March 19th to prepare. Carolyn agreed that everything could be done if we met starting at 5:00 p.m. on March 19. Jason moved to amend the start of the regular meeting to 5:00 on March 19, rather than 5:30 so that the commission could prepare for the public hearing at 6:30. Randy seconded. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Carolyn stated that the hearing will be at city council chambers. Jason thanked everyone for moving the February 19 meeting to February 26.

Jason moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy seconded. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of March, 2025

Carolyn Dawes, Chairperson