

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BIWABIK

The Board of Freeholders has proposed the following amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Biwabik and the city council of the City of Biwabik has acted to submit said amendment to the voters of said city at a special city election to be held in said City of Biwabik on November 15, 1946. The proposal amendment is as follows:

Section 33 of the Home Rule Charter entitled "Funds to be Kept" shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 33. Funds to be Kept.

There shall be maintained in the city treasury the funds hereinafter named for the support of which the city council may levy taxes annually for the general fund. From the general fund the city council shall pay annually to the other funds such sums of money, except as hereinafter may be provided, as may seem expedient to the city council.

(a) **General Fund.** A General Fund for the payment of such expenses of the city as the city council may deem proper. Into this fund shall be paid all money not provided herein or by statute to be paid into any other fund, and from this fund the city council and treasurer shall allocate, pay and transfer to the other funds herein mentioned such sums of money as may be thought expedient by the city council, except as hereinafter may be provided.

(b) **Water & Light Fund.** From the General Fund into the Water & Light Fund shall be paid annually a sum not less than five (5) mills on the dollar on the last annual assessed valuation for taxation purposes thereof would produce, but no allocation shall be made of less than \$9,250.00. If there is no Water, Light, Power & Building Commission, no allocation of funds will be necessary. This fund shall be administered by the Water, Light, Power & Building Commission.

(c) **Library Fund.** From the General Fund into the Library Fund may be paid annually a sum not greater than \$300.00 which shall be administered by the city council and from which books for the library at the school may be purchased and from which the expenses of the members of the local library board to Range Library boards meetings may be paid, together with such other local library expenses as the city council may deem expedient to pay from said amount.

(d) **Band Fund.** From the General Fund into the Band Fund may be paid annually a sum not to exceed

council shall make special assessments therefor; and the city council shall maintain this fund sufficient to meet the expenses and cost of all such improvements as the same become payable, and out of such funds may also be paid the cost of replacements of permanent improvements, other than ordinary repairs, maintenance or supplies. Into this fund shall be paid all the moneys received from taxes or other sources for the payment of principal and interest on all bond obligations issued by the city, but if the bond procedure requires a levy for the payment of the bonds and interest, the annual allocation to this fund may be reduced by the amount of the receipts from such annual levy for bonds and interest payment. And into this fund shall be paid all moneys received from the sale of any property or permanent improvements of the city not otherwise provided, and such amounts from time to time as may be realized from the sale of any bonds or certificates of indebtedness issued on account of such fund, and all amounts collected on special assessments advanced in the first instance out of this fund. If the present maximum limitation under the present per capita law is inapplicable to the city council's levy of 1946 for 1947 funds, no allocation to this fund by the city council and the city treasurer need be made in 1947. No expenditures shall be made from this fund without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the voters, who vote on the question, at a general or special municipal election. In submitting any proposition to the voters for approval the amount of the proposed expenditure and the exact purpose thereof and the cost of the entire project to completion shall be briefly and specifically stated. Blank and spoiled ballots shall not be counted as votes cast.

Money in this fund and in other funds may be invested under the direction and authorization of the city council in such securities as are authorized by law for cities of this class or as may be provided in this City Charter.

(i) Such other funds as may be required by statute or ordinance or resolution, including such funds as the city council may designate.

(j) **Auxiliary Fund.** After the city council has allocated annually from the General Fund the amounts, not exceeding the maximum provided for in this section, to the Water & Light Fund, Library Fund, Band Fund, Cemetery Fund, Firemen's Relief Fund, and Permanent Improvement Fund, all of the receipts from the an-

\$2700.00, provided that nothing in this charter shall prevent the city council from making payments for bond expenses from the General Fund for municipal purposes. This fund shall be administered by the city council.

(e) Cemetery Fund. From the General Fund into the Cemetery Fund may be paid a sum not greater than 1,000.00 each year, to be administered by the city council.

(f) Firemen's Relief Fund. From the General Fund into the Firemen's Relief Fund shall be paid annually, as long as there is a Biwabik Firemen's Relief Association, a sum not less than one (1) mill on the dollar of the last annual assessed valuation thereof for taxation purposes would produce, and if the Biwabik Firemen's Relief Association shall loan its funds to the city of Biwabik by purchasing the city's certificates of indebtedness or other evidences of indebtedness from the city council on the same basis as to interest rates and in the same amounts as during the year preceding the taking effect of this charter, the maximum amount paid from the general fund annually to the Firemen's Relief Fund may be \$1800.00. This fund shall be administered by the Firemen's Relief Association in accordance with the present and future laws of this state.

(g) Fire Fund. From the General Fund into the Fire Fund may be paid annually such sums not to exceed \$2100.00 as the city council may deem expedient. This fund shall be administered by the city council.

(h) Permanent Improvement Fund. All money in the Reserve Fund on October 8, 1946, and the amount that would have been added to it on or before December 31, 1946, if this amendment to Section 33 of the City Charter of the City of Biwabik were not adopted, shall be put in this Permanent Improvement Fund by the city council and the city treasurer on or before January 2, 1947. From the General Fund into this Permanent Improvement Fund the city treasurer shall put annually six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00), unless more is allocated to this fund by the city council from the General Fund. Out of this fund may be paid all bonds and interest thereon and the cost of acquiring all real property and appurtenances, and the construction and improvement of all buildings and permanent improvements of any kind that the city is authorized to provide or acquire which shall not be otherwise specifically provided for out of other funds, and also the cost of all local improvements unless the city

may levy for the General Fund an excess of \$44,000.00, if any, shall be placed in this Auxiliary Fund, to be used for no other purpose, except to help to provide the General Fund for general corporation purposes annually \$44,000.00, until the amount in this Auxiliary Fund is exhausted.

(k) Replacement Fund from License Fees and Other Sources. There shall be maintained in the city treasury of the city a fund to be designated as the "Replacement Fund from License Fees and Other Sources." All money from liquor licenses, cigarette licenses and other licenses, and all money from fines shall be placed in this fund. No money shall be taken from this fund without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the voters, who vote on the question, at a general or special municipal election. In submitting any proposition to the voters for approval the amount of the proposed expenditure and the exact purpose thereof and the cost of the entire project to completion shall be briefly and specifically stated. Blank and spoiled ballots shall not be counted as votes cast. Money shall be used for replacement of sewer and water mains, large electric transformers, water tanks, and such other things of a similar nature that need to be replaced.

The foregoing proposed amendment to Section 33 of the City Charter of the City of Biwabik shall take effect and be in full force and effect two days after the same shall be adopted, certified, deposited and recorded as provided by law.

All sections, or parts of sections, of this Charter, including Section 33 hereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this amendment and Section are hereby repealed.

AMERICUS J. PETRELLA,
City Clerk.

(CITY SEAL)

B. T., Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 1946.



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