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MINNESOTA

December 9, 1963

The Honorable Joseph L. Donovan  
Secretary of State  
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Sir:

We are enclosing a copy of the Charter  
Amendments, City of Bemidji, which were passed  
at an election held on November 5, 1963.

Yours very truly,

*Dorothy A. Henry*  
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City Clerk

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*Joseph L. Donovan*  
Secretary of State

TO: THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

The Charter Commission of the City of Bemidji, duly appointed by the Judges of the District Court, Ninth Judicial District of the State of Minnesota, herewith submit to you for submission to the qualified voters of the City of Bemidji the following proposed Amendments to the Council-Manager Charter of Bemidji:

II

That Section 2.08 of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

2.08 Vacancies in Council. Vacancy in the council from any ward shall be deemed to exist in case of the failure of any person elected thereto to qualify on or before the date of the second regular meeting of the new council, or by reason of the death, resignation, removal from office, removal from the ward, continuous absence from the city for more than three months, or conviction of a felony of any such person whether before or after his qualification, or by reason of the failure of any councilman without good cause to perform any of the duties of membership in the council for a period of three months. In each such case the council shall by resolution declare such vacancy to exist, and shall fill the vacancy by appointment, until the next regular municipal election.

III

That the third sentence of Section 2.14 of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

2.14 Procedure on Ordinances - 3rd Sentence.  
" x x x x Every ordinance, other than emergency ordinances, shall have three public readings, and at least one week shall elapse between each reading thereof; the first two readings shall be by reading of the title of the ordinance only, but the ordinance shall be read in full on third reading. x x x "

IV

That Section 5.34 of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

5.34 Purchases and Contracts. All purchases on behalf of the city shall be made, and all contracts let by the city manager. Approval must be given in advance by the City Council, whenever the amount of such purchase or contract exceeds one thousand dollars, or the limits set by state law whichever shall be the larger amount. All contracts, bonds, and instruments of every kind to which the city shall be a party shall be signed by the mayor on behalf of the city as well as by the city manager and shall be executed in the name of the city.

V.

That Section 5.35 of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

5.35 Contracts, how let. In all cases of work to be done by contract or of the purchase of personal property of any kind, where the amount involved is more than one thousand dollars, or the limits set by state law, whichever shall be the larger amount, unless the council shall by an emergency ordinance otherwise provide, the city manager shall advertise for bids in such manner as may be designated by the council. Contracts of this magnitude shall be let only by the council upon the recommendation of the city manager, and shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder. The council may, however, reject any and all bids. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the council from contracting by four-fifths vote for the doing of work with patented processes or from the purchasing of patented appliances by the same majority. Further regulations for the making of bids and the letting of contracts may be made by ordinance, subject to the provisions of this charter.

VI

That the first sentence of Section 10.01 of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

10.01. "A regular municipal election shall be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and bi-annually thereafter at such place or places as the City Council may designate.

VII

That Section 10.03 of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

10.03 "At least ten days before each municipal election, the council shall appoint qualified voters of each election district to serve as judges and clerks of the election.

Dated at Bemidji, Minnesota, this 11th day of June, 1963.

THE CHARTER COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF BEMIDJI

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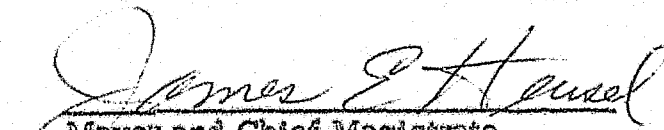
STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI)

I, J. E. Hensel, the duly elected, qualified and acting mayor and chief magistrate of the City of Bemidji, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed amendments to the existing Council-Manager Charter of Bemidji adopted on October 7, 1952, were adopted and ratified by the electors of said City of Bemidji at a special election duly called by notice and held pursuant to law in said city for that purpose on Tuesday, November 5, 1963;

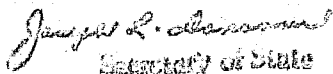
That the canvass of the election returns by the City Council of the City of Bemidji made on the 6th day of November, 1963, showed that the total number of votes cast and the number of votes in favor of adoption and the number of votes against adoption with respect to each amendment are as follows:

	<u>Total Number of Votes Cast</u>	<u>Number in Favor of Adoption</u>	<u>Number Against Adoption</u>
Amendment No. II	433	354	79
Amendment No. III	433	331	102
Amendment No. IV	430	255	175
Amendment No. V	430	270	160
Amendment No. VI	427	354	73
Amendment No. VII	430	343	87

WITNESSETH, My hand and the corporate seal of said City of Bemidji, Minnesota, this 3rd day of December, 1963.

  
Mayor and Chief Magistrate  
City of Bemidji, Minnesota

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