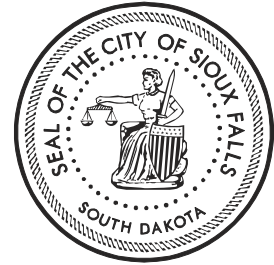


# Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2009



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**Public Service Committee**

5:24 p.m.  
at the Carnegie Town Hall  
235 West Tenth Street

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Members Present: Kenny Anderson Jr., Vernon Brown, De Knudson and Kermit Stagers  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: City Clerk, Debra A. Owen and Assistant City Clerk, Tamara Jorgensen  
Guests: City Attorney, Robert Amundson

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## 1. Call To Order

- Committee Chair Anderson Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

## 2. Review and approval of Minutes dated November 10, 2008

- A motion was made by Knudson and seconded by Brown to approve said minutes. Anderson Jr. called for a voice vote on the motion. All members present voted yes. **Motion Passed.**

**Item 4(a) was discussed at this time.**

## 3. Code of Ethics Ordinance

- At this point in time, there are no additional outstanding issues regarding the Code of Ethics Ordinance. This ordinance was updated to clarify processes and procedures for individuals seeking an advisory opinion. Additional clarification was done to address the process for notification after a complaint has been filed against an individual.
- An update was given to the new Council Members regarding two past instances regarding the Ethics Board and City Council Members.
- Discussion was held regarding modifications to the definition of "holding other office" found in Article III.
- Knudson proposed that the definition be shortened to read the same as City Charter.
- Discussion was held and the committee agreed. The definition was changed to the following:

Holding other office means holding another elected public office during the term for which the member was elected to the council, or holding a full-time position with the city as an employee of the mayor and his or her administration

## 4. Open Discussion

### a. Election Adjustments

- Council Members Anderson, Jr. and Brown excused themselves from the portion of the discussion which dealt with a PAC that had contributed to their campaigns.
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- Knudson opened the discussion by stating that she is recommending that previous monetary fines against Political Action Committees (PAC's) be reduced to \$100.00 total for campaign finance violations. Knudson stated that she would like to move forward with requesting the proper paperwork from the City Attorney's Office to bring forward to the rest of the City Council for discussion.
- Discussion was also held regarding reimbursing a political candidate for a one time payment of \$50.00 because he was also fined for a campaign finance violation.
- Anderson Jr. stated that, whether the violation was on the part of a PAC or an individual candidate, the treatment should be the same – whether it was a reduction or elimination in the fine.
- Owen gave Amundson an election folder with the information regarding fines for PAC's and individual candidates.

### 5. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Knudson and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. A voice vote was taken and all members present voted yes.

Tamara Jorgensen, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk