

City of Fountain Inn
Municipal Election Commission Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017 – 2pm – Council Chambers

ELECTION COMMISSION PRESENT:

Charles Fleming, Chair
Peggy Nickson
Harriett Dease

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandra Woods, City Clerk

VISITORS: 0

Call to Order – Charles Fleming

Election Commission Oath

Sandra Woods asked the commission to read and sign the Municipal Election Commission oath.

Required Election Commission Training

Sandra Woods reviewed the required training requirements with the MEC.

Duties of the MEC (online course)

Poll Manager Training (online course)

Protest Hearings (in person)

The State Election Commission is updating their training site and the classes should be available mid-September.

Review MEC Terms (Six year staggered terms)

Peggy Nickson (completing unexpired term 1/1/11-12/21/17)

Charles Fleming (1/1/13-2/21/19)

Harriett Dease (completing unexpired term 1/1/15-12/31/21)

Political Activity

Sandra Woods reviewed with MEC that board members cannot participate in the political management or in a political campaign over whose election the member has jurisdiction during the member's term of office. No member may contribute to a candidate or knowingly attend a fundraiser held for the candidate's benefit over whose election the member has jurisdiction. Violation subjects the member to removal by the appropriate appointive authority (SC Code 7/13/75)

Review and Certify Statement of Candidacy Filings

The City Clerk verified that each candidate is a qualified elector and resident of the municipality and of the ward for which they seek election.

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The following filed a Statement of Candidacy:

Ward 1: John Mahony

Ward 3: Rose Ann Woods
Mart Harrod

Ward 5: Berry Woods
Anthony Cunningham

Motion by Peggy Nickson, Second by Charles Fleming to certify the candidates. All aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Statement of Candidacy Filing for unexpired term of Ward 2

Sandra Woods explained that Andrew Stoddard has resigned his council seat effective August 26th at 5pm. Filing for Ward 2 will begin August 25th at noon and will end September 5th at noon.

The Election Commission will meet at 2pm, September 5th to certify the candidates.

Election Day

Sandra Woods reviewed Election Day procedures with the MEC.

Certify the Election

The Election Commission will go to County Square Friday, November 11th at noon to certify the election.

There being no further business, Charles Fleming adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Woods
City Clerk