

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Hardin Government Study Review Commission Meeting Agenda

July 2, 2025

5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Public comment

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of previous meetings:
 - a. June 18, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report – Rollover of previous budget to new fiscal year.
3. Discuss 4th of July outreach activities during celebration on Center Avenue
 - a. Posters
 - b. Proposed pamphlets or handouts
 - c. Booth on Center Avenue
4. Dates to attend men's group and women's group to inform public about Commission activities
5. Discuss building of short-term website – Andy Jacobs, \$200 cost

Adjourn

Hardin Local Government Review Study Commission

June 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

At 6:30 p.m., Chairperson Carolyn Dawes called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Carolyn Dawes and Randy Mercier. Jason Stephenson was absent. Also present was Jordan Knudsen, ex-officio member.

No members of the public were present initially, but Andy Jacobs and Karleen Pitsch arrived after the meeting started.

Carolyn moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, May 21, 2025, and it was seconded by Randy. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Randy stated that the initial budget was \$14,222.00, and that \$3,279.66 has been spent so far, leaving \$10,942.34. Jordan noted that the fiscal year ends June 30. Jordan asked Randy if he knew whether the balance would roll over to the next year, or if the balance would go back to the city and a new amount would be budgeted for the next fiscal year. Randy said he would check and report back at the next meeting.

Agenda Item – Outreach activities. Carolyn stated that she called the MSU Local Government Center office and they suggested that the commission provide free food at a local business to attract public participation. The Local Government Center suggested posters to advertise and that any such forum should be less than an hour. She also stated that the Local Government Center suggested that the commission not do mailers.

Carolyn stated that she had met with the Chief of Police, and he suggested that the commission attend a neighborhood watch meeting. Carolyn then suggested a booth at the Little Big Horn Days, June 26-28. Discussion was had that it may be too late to organize that. Randy suggested that instead of Little Big Horn Days, that a booth be done during the 4th of July events on Center Avenue.

Carolyn stated that she will coordinate with the Chief of Police about attending a neighborhood watch meeting. Carolyn asked what the commission must do to have a meeting prior to the next regular meeting. Jordan stated that notice of the meeting needed to be posted. Carolyn suggested a special meeting on July 2 at 5:30 to plan for a July 4 outreach event. Randy agreed. The meeting would be held July 2, 2025 at the City Council chambers at 5:30.

Andy Jacobs asked about the purpose of the commission. Jordan explained that it was to review the overall structure of Hardin's government, and to collect public comment to see if a change in the form was needed. Andy suggested that the commission attend some local men's group meetings. Andy also suggested that the commission get a website, and offered to build for cost, about \$200. The commission agreed to place Andy's offer on the next agenda. Karleen Pitsch also offered for the commission to attend a women's group. Additional discussion was held about the website building process, and that it would be a short-term website.

The next regular meeting is July 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Carolyn moved to adjourn. Randy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of July, 2025

Carolyn Dawes, Chairperson