



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject: Resolution regarding Calling Election for Proposed Charter Change

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History/Background Information: Request has been made to reduce the time frame between the filing period for Municipal office and the elections. Staff has researched possible changes to the Charter to consolidate the time period and be as nearly as practical to state law.

Item/Subject Summary: Resolution No. 829 calls for an election to makes the changes to allow the filing period in June, Primary Election in August and General Election in November and the successful candidate would take office at the first regular meeting following the election.

Price/Cost:

Recommendation:

RESOLUTION NO. 829

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ELECTION FOR PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT ALTERING THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; THE TIMING OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; THE TIMING OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND ALTERING THE DATE THAT NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEN SHALL BE SWORN IN.

WHEREAS, in 2005 the electors of the City of Clinton voted to amend the Charter to conform to State Law requirements;

WHEREAS, the language of Resolution 731 required specific and rigid conformance to State Election filing periods and elections;

WHEREAS, there are alternatives to the dates identified in 2005, which are better reflective of the norms of elections in Clinton, Oklahoma;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1: That an election shall be called on _____, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified clerk of the City of Clinton a proposition for their acceptance or rejection of an amendment to the Charter of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma, as follows:

SECTION 2: Article 6, Section 6-1 of the Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

At the elections in 1962 and in every even-numbered year thereafter, the mayor, the councilman from ward two, and the councilman from ward four shall be elected. At the elections in 1963 and in every odd-numbered year thereafter, the councilman from ward one and the councilman from ward three shall be elected. The mayor and other councilmen shall serve for terms of two years beginning at 5:30 o'clock P.M. at the first regular meeting following their election. If the mayor-elect or a councilman-elect fails to qualify within one month thereafter, his office shall become vacant, and the vacancy shall be filled as other vacancies in the council are filled.

The candidates for mayor shall be nominated, and the mayor shall be elected, at large, by the qualified electors of the entire city. Candidates for councilmen from the wards must be qualified electors of their respective wards. Candidates for councilmen from the wards shall be nominated, and councilmen from the wards

shall be elected, by the qualified electors of their respective wards.

Both the primary and the general election shall be nonpartisan; and no party designation or emblem shall be placed on the ballots.

SECTION 3: Article 6, Section 6-2 of the Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Any qualified candidate shall have his or her name placed on the ballot for the primary election as a candidate for mayor or councilman by filing a sworn declaration of candidacy with the county election board during the filing period set by resolution of the council. The filing period shall conform as nearly as practical to state law and shall not begin less than fifteen (15) days from the date the resolution is submitted to the county election board and end no less than seventy-five (75) days from the date of the primary election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor, City of Clinton, Oklahoma

ATTEST:

City Clerk, City of Clinton,
Oklahoma