

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Hardin Government Study Review Commission Meeting Agenda

August 20, 2025

5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Public comment

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of previous meetings:
 - a. July 16, 2025
2. Outreach event plans
 - a. Final poster form, printing cost.
 - b. Brochures, printing cost.
 - c. Report on advertising
 - i. Website
 - ii. The Briefs, cost
 - d. Food details and cost of food

Adjourn

Hardin Local Government Review Study Commission

July 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

At 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Carolyn Dawes called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Carolyn Dawes, Jason Stephenson, and Randy Mercier. Also present was Jordan Knudsen, ex-officio member.

Members of the public present: Riley Ramsey, Andy Jacobs and Carleen Pitsch

Public Comment: Mr. Ramsey asked about the goals of the commission. Carolyn provided an explanation of the study commission's duties. Mr. Jacobs asked if the website proposal was approved, and Jordan indicated that it was approved at the previous meeting.

Jason moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of July 2, 2025, and Randy seconded. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Outreach events: Locations of a potential outreach even was discussed. Randy reported that the high school commons area would probably not work for maintenance work being done. Jason suggested using Al Sargent's place on Center Avenue. Mr. Jacobs suggested the Alliance Church.

Jason moved to use the Alliance Church as a location for the event. Randy seconded. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The date and time of the event was discussed. The commission members discussed August 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Jason moved to accept the date and time of August 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., and Randy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The commission then considered posters for the outreach event. Carolyn presented a proposed draft of the poster. Jordan made suggested changes to the poster. Jason then moved to approve the poster, with the suggested changes. Randy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The commission then considered brochures to present during the outreach event. Carolyn suggested that she could just reprint the brochures that the commission had previously used.

The commission then considered advertisement for the event. Mr. Jacobs said that he would have the advertisement put on the website. The commission then discussed taking out an ad in the Briefs newsletter. The commission then discussed the costs of the ads. Informally, the commission thought that \$400 would be sufficient to cover the cost of advertising. Jason made a formal motion to approve ads in the Briefs, not exceeding \$400, to advertise the outreach event. Randy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously. Jason then volunteered to be responsible for getting the ads put together and submitted to the Briefs.

The commission then considered food for the outreach event. Carolyn suggested Subway sandwiches. It was unclear how much spend on food. Jason moved to approve Subway, but that details and cost should be presented at the next meeting for final approval.

Jason then presented some of the feedback that he has been receiving from members of the public:

1. Desire that ordinances passed by City Council also be approved by the voters.
2. That City Council votes be recorded how each Council member votes, not just voice votes.
3. Formal paths of grievances with the City.
4. Citizens Bill of Rights

Jason then moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12p.m.

The next meeting is set for August 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of August, 2025

Caorlyn Dawes, Chairperson