

City of Lewistown Study Commission  
July 10, 2015  
Lewistown City Complex

Attendees included Dick Krillenberger, Melody Scott, Gayle Doney, Darryl McKenzie, Alexandra Dunnington, Dick Ellestad.

Melody Scott performed the duties of recording secretary.

**Call to Order:** Krillenberger called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**Roll Call of Members Present**

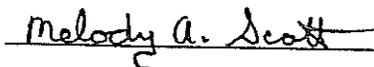
**Disposition of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Dunnington approved the June 29, 2015 minutes. Ellestad seconded.

**Budget-Paid Expenses and Current Balance:** No current figures were available for report.

**Open Public Participation and Committee Member Comments:** Many thoughts were shared by the public, including whether there would be costs involved to place an item on the ballot, the process involved in removing a city manager, what are the qualifications to be a city manager and personal feelings on the city annexation plan. Ed Butcher encouraged that the study commission keep self governing powers in the charter, but to consider putting term limits on elected officials terms. Mike Brown commented that the city needs someone to manage the city, not the city money. Butcher mentioned that a large amount of cities in Montana have a mayoral form of government and that the elected executive will have to answer to the people in order to keep their votes. Dren Durley listed three suggestions that she felt should be on the ballot. One was that the city manager must live within the city limits. Two was that there should be appointments to the city commission board; all positions must be elected. Three was to require that the city manager or mayor hold a town hall meeting once a month. Ed Butcher encouraged waiting until 2016 to place an item on the ballot. Durley pointed out that most of the complaints are about the person in power, not about the actual form of government.

Meeting for July 27, 2015 at 7pm at Lewistown City Complex was announced.

**Adjournment:** Meeting dismissed by Krillenberger at 12:35pm.

  
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Melody A. Scott, Recording Secretary

  
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Dick Krillenberger, Chairman