

MEETING DATE: 03/21/22

ITEM: 10H and I

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Subject: Voting Precinct Agreement - Sharing of polling place for new county voting districts and setting public hearing

Background Summary:

County Auditor Gloria Carr was present at our last planning session to discuss the county redistricting map as well as the need to create a voting precinct agreement that would allow county voters for District 2 to utilize existing city polling places. A new ordinance will need to be adopted by the city that adds the rural portion of the county into the city's precinct #3. A public hearing needs to be held on this ordinance change and Resolution 41-22 will set that hearing for April 4. In order for Gloria to get all of the necessary paperwork to the state in a timely manner, we are recommending waiving the second and third readings of this ordinance on April 4 after the first reading and adopting it.

We recommend approval of the resolution approving the agreement with the county for sharing the polling places and the resolution setting the public hearing on the precinct ordinance for April 4.

CITY OF CHARLES CITY

RESOLUTION NO. 40-22

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOYD COUNTY FOR THE COMBINATION OF A RURAL TOWNSHIP AND CITY PRECINCT

WHEREAS, following the 2020 Federal census, Iowa law requires counties to re-precinct and redistrict, and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the requirements for the number of people in each of the county's districts, a portion of St. Charles Township needs to be joined with Precinct 3 of the city of Charles City, and

WHEREAS, the unincorporated area of St. Charles township that is included with the city's precinct 3 will be only for Federal, State, County and School elections

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa, meeting in regular session on the 21st day of March, 2022, that the agreement between Floyd County and the city of Charles City for the combination of a rural township and city precinct be approved.

COUNCIL MEMBER moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution;

COUNCIL MEMBER seconded the motion to adopt, and on roll call the voting was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

Passed and approved this 21st day of March, 2022.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk

AGREEMENT FOR THE COMBINATION OF A RURAL TOWNSHIP AND CITY PRECINCT

It is hereby agreed on the _____ day of _____, 2022, by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors and the City Council of Charles City, that per Iowa Code Sections 49.6 and 49.7, the voting precinct known as Charles City Precinct #3 will include a portion of the St Charles Township.

Following the 2020 federal decennial census, Iowa law requires counties to reprecinct and redistrict. Voters in Floyd County elect members to the Board of Supervisors under "Plan 3", under which the Supervisor must live within a specific district and is elected by only the voters within that specific district. Floyd County is divided into three Supervisor districts, which according to law must be within 1% of the ideal district size. Floyd County's population per the 2020 census is 15,627, therefore the ideal Supervisor district population is 5,209. The maximum allowable deviation (1%) is 52 people.

The City of Charles City's population per the 2020 census is 7,396, which is 2,187 people above the ideal Supervisor district size of 5,209. Iowa Code 49.3(2)(e) provides that cities shall not be divided into two or more county supervisor districts unless the population of the city is greater than the ideal size of a district and cities shall be divided into the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible.

Therefore, this agreement joins a portion of St Charles Township with an incorporated area of the city of Charles City known as Charles City Precinct 3. Charles City Precinct 2 combined with the new Charles City Precinct 3 will comply with the ideal population requirements for Floyd County Supervisor District #2.

That portion of St Charles Township to be included with Charles City Precinct 3 is known as:

Territory in St. Charles Township north and east of a line beginning at the intersection of the north township line and the centerline of the railroad known as the Canadian Pacific Railroad, thence southeasterly along the I & M Rail Link to the east Township line."

For "City Elections", the corporate area of Charles City Precinct 3 will be one of three City of Charles City's voting precincts. The unincorporated area of St Charles Township included with Charles City Precinct 3 will be only for Federal, State, County and School Elections.

The following representatives of the parties hereby authorize and execute this agreement:

Doug Kamm, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

Dean Andrews, Mayor
City of Charles City

ATTEST: Gloria Carr, County Auditor

ATTEST: Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 41-22

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF HEARING ON
ORDINANCE 1155 AMENDING REPEALING CHAPTER 3, ELECTION PRECINCTS,
OF THE CHARLES CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2015
AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 3, ELECTION PRECINCTS, OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHARLES CITY, IOWA 2015**

WHEREAS, the City Council has caused to be prepared and filed with the City Clerk copies of Ordinance 1157 and,

WHEREAS, an official copy of this ordinance is now on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of Charles City, Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing thereon will be held in the Council chambers on the 4th day of April, 2022, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., at which time and place the Council will consider arguments for or against the adoption of the proposed Ordinance 1157.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized and directed to cause to be published notice of such hearing one time not less than four (4) days nor more than twenty (20) days prior to the date herein established for hearing as by law provided.

Passed and approved this 21st day of March, 2022.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk