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176 **Study commission may
place new charter on ballot**

HARDIN — Last week, the Hardin City Council discussed the possibility of a new city charter being placed upon the upcoming fall ballot following the study commission for local government review for the city of Hardin.

The proposed charter would give the city self-governing powers.

City study commission chairman Lloyd Hopes told the council that Ken Weaver of the Local Government Department at Montana State University-Bozeman will write up the proposed charter for the commission.

At last week's council meeting, alderman Jim Rogers questioned the costs of getting the proposed charter on the ballot.

"If we have to spend \$500 to get this thing on the ballot and the voters say no to it, then what have we gained?" Rogers said.

Rogers also questioned whether the public would understand the proposed change in city government with the proposed presentation of a charter on the ballot.

"It's easier to vote 'no' than it is to vote 'yes,'" he said.

Mayor Ron Adams also voiced some concerns.

"What I'm questioning is, do we need to have the whole thing written up before we put it on the ballot," Adams said.

In related city study commission business, the council received the resignation of Mark Landrie from the city study commission.