

CITY OF WAUSAU SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Time and Date: The Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee met on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of Wausau City Hall.

Members Present: Mary Kluz, Paul Zouski, Ralph Fischer, Paul Kage, Pat Peckham, Claire Meney

Members Absent: Claire Meney, Patrick Peckham, Benjamin Lee

Others Present: Ryan Gallagher, Judith Miller, Michelle Goetsch, Nick Hylla, Mayor Robert Mielke, Tonia Westphal

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Welcome and introductions

Meney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of previous meeting(s)

Motion by Kluz/Fischer to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on sustainability recognition program

The committee discussed the draft criteria for a recognition program and potential application. Peckham and Sippel will work together to get a draft application together.

Discuss solar energy in central Wisconsin with Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

Nick Hylla from MREA gave a presentation about solar energy in central Wisconsin and the state.

Discussion on City of Wausau Recycling Audit with ERbin

Michelle Goetsch, founder of ERbin, presented some highlights and takeaways from the City of Wausau recycling audit. Goetsch overviewed the ERbin app and how it makes recycling easier, improving compliance and reducing the costs of recycling.

Discussion on potential trip to Church Mutual Insurance in Merrill

The committee discussed scheduling a visit to Church Mutual Insurance. Sippel will send out a Doodle poll for potential dates for this trip.

Discussion on Earth Day – April 22

The committee discussed the potential to have an event for Earth Day, or to participate in some existing events.

Updates on previous items

None.

Future items for consideration

The sustainability recognition program and earth day events will be discussed at the next meeting.

Future meeting date

The committee discussed trying to set a meeting for March 18th or March 25, and moving to a 4:30 pm start time.

Adjourn

Motion by Peckham/Kage to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.