

CITY OF WAUSAU SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Time and Date: The Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee met on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: John Kroll (C), Jay Coldwell, Carol Lukens, Mary Kluz
Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Brad Lenz, Dan Ebert, Kaysee Beckstrom

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings

Lukens/Coldwell made a motion/second to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentation by Dan Ebert – Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition

The WLGCC is a group focused on climate change and making sure local governments are heard. They have provided comments on state legislative proceedings and wish to engage more local governments. The group has targeted funding identified to support their mission and assist local governments in the transition to clean energy. They have a national partner (ICLEI) that will lend technology and support and may even be able to help Wausau develop a Carbon Action Plan. There is no cost to the city to join. Just pass a resolution.

The committee expressed their optimism that this partnership would help provide some of the data and technical expertise needed to move the GHG reduction goals forward.

5. Discuss possible resolution and presentation on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

Kroll discussed having secured a speaking time at the 2nd October City Council meeting. He has continued to tweak the presentation but feels it is ready. Discussion then focused on editing and enhancing the resolution while allowing for alderperson feedback after the presentation. Kluz and Coldwell agreed to meet with city staff on Oct 7th to work on the draft resolution.

8. Next meeting date

The members drafting the GHG resolution will meet on Oct 7th with staff. Next meeting of the full committee TBD.

9. Adjourn

Motion/Second by Coldwell/Lukens. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.