

## CITY OF WAUSAU SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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**Time and Date:** The Sustainability, Energy and Environment Committee met on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of Wausau City Hall and virtually.

**Members Present:** Mary Kluz, Paul Zouski, John Kroll, Tom Kilian, Leah Van De Loo

**Members Absent:** Paul Kage, Claire Meney

**Others Present:** Alderperson Pat Peckham, Mayor Katie Rosenberg, Mike Kubowski

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**

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Sippel called the meeting to order in absence of the chairperson at 5:03 p.m.

### **Approval of the minutes of previous meeting(s)**

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Motion by Kroll/Kilian to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion and possible action on sustainability recognition program**

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The committee discussed the framework and criteria for making decisions related to the program, the launch timeline and frequency of recognizing applicants.

Motion by Kluz/Kroll to launch the sustainability recognition program with applicants recognized at the City Council meeting prior to Earth Day and the second City Council meeting in October each year. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion and possible action on City use of Betterbin app**

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The committee discussed the Betterbin app. The committee provided several questions to follow up with Betterbin on.

Motion by Kluz/Kroll to recommend the Betterbin proposal to the Finance Committee and/or Finance Department for consideration.

### **Discussion on Green Tier Legacy Community Status**

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Sippel overviewed the City's participation and acceptance to the DNR Green Tier Legacy Community Program. The Committee discussed reviewing the sustainability strategies scoresheet prior to the next meeting and discussing the strategies at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on strategic planning and sustainability**

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The committee discussed their role in strategic planning for the City.

### **Updates on previous items**

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None

**Future items for consideration**

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Sippel mentioned that representatives from the Land and Liberty Coalition are interested in speaking to the committee at a future meeting. Kubowski said there is still some money available for solar projects so it may be worth discussing those in the future.

**Future meeting date**

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The next regularly scheduled meeting would be September 23.

**Adjourn**

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Motion by Kluz/Kilian to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.