



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call

Committee Attendees: Dr. Edmund Chute, KC Chermak, David Ferri, and Polly Anderson.

Wayzata City Staff Member: Nick Kieser, Parks and Environment Planner.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, first by Chute, seconded by Ferri. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve March 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as shown, first by Chermak and seconded by Chute. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Earth Day Discussion

Committee Members and staff provided updates on the Earth Day event that is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Presenters from Natural Resource Preservation and Twin City Seed are confirmed for the event. The compost bin and rain barrel have been purchased for the giveaway. Native seed packets, educational materials, electric yard equipment, speaker, tables, and chairs are also ready for the event. Setup for the event will start at noon.

5. Municipal Solar Data Review

Staff reviewed a summary of the energy production from the installed solar systems. Staff also reviewed estimated cost savings associated with this energy production. A more detailed summary of the energy production and cost savings will be provided at the end of the year. Cost savings from Solar Rewards will be sent at the beginning of 2025 so that will provide a better understanding of the total cost savings.

6. Local Climate Action Grant Update

Staff noted that authorization to submit a Climate Action Grant to the MPCA will be on the April 23 Council meeting. If the application submittal is approved then staff will submit the application by April 30. A consulting firm, LHB, is also helping with the grant application. If the grant is awarded, the funds would be used to complete a city greenhouse gas emission inventory, vulnerability assessment, review of city operations and plans, and implementation plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 28

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Motion passed unanimously.