

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Chair Kimberly Byrd, Christine Ahmann-Maples, Kevin Toskey, Mike Chevalier and William Seuffert.

Also present: Council member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, Public Works Director Bob Goebel and Office Assistant Luann Tembreull.

Absent with prior notice: Scott Peterson.

**AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Chevalier, all members voting in favor, the agenda was approved as amended with the addition of "Sustainability Plan".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Chevalier, seconded by Commissioner Toskey all members voting in favor, the August 13, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Emerald Ash Borer**

Public Works Director, Bob Goebel, introduced the item and stated that EAB is not in Mahtomedi yet, but has been discovered in the City of White Bear Lake. He indicated that once it is discovered in Mahtomedi, it will devastate and kill many Ash trees. There are many Ash trees in several city parks and the plan is to save certain ones and remove others based on the diameter of the tree.

He stated that a certified arborist will help residents determine whether their tree is worth treating to save and the city will help with the cost of treating them. It was reiterated that these trees will need to be treated every two years for the life of the tree.

The consensus of the commission is that the city should go forward with an EAB plan.

**County Road 12 Beautification Effort**

Administrator Neilson stated that 18 electrical telephone poles will be decorative starting from Gordy's and running east to Hilton Trail, with the county paying for half the cost of the beautification project. He noted that this construction project will start in 2019.

**Green Step 4 Efforts**

It was the consensus of the commission that a representative from WSB Engineering attend the October commission meeting to help with this effort.

**Partners in Energy**

Commissioner Ahmann-Maples stated that four more people signed up for Solar at the Farmers Market.

Administrator Neilson stated that post cards could be mailed out to another part of the City offering a Home Energy Audit at a discount.

**Update on Solar United**

It was noted that RFP's have gone out, and that residents can still sign up after a company has been hired.

**Level 2 EV Charging Station Grant**

Administrator Neilson thanked Commissioner Ahmann-Maples for filling out the grant application so it could be submitted on time.

**Recycling RFP Update**

Administrator Neilson stated that RFP's were sent out to 9 haulers and that the due date for these to be submitted to the City is September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He noted that this will be a 5 year contract with options and a starting date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**Sustainability Plan**

Chair Byrd asked the commission if the Sustainability Plan should be annually reviewed and if goals should be set for each year?

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

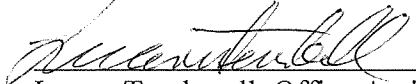
The following items will be on the next Environmental Commission agenda:

- EAB Plans – City Forester
- County Road 12 Beautification Effort
- Green Step 4 Efforts – WSB
- Partners in Energy
- Sustainability Plan Review
- Recycling RFP Update
- Update on Solar United

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Chevalier, all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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