

**ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof the meeting of the Environmental & Sustainability Task Force of the City of Rosemount was called to order on November 15, 2016 at 5:34 p.m. in the Conference Room of the City Hall, 2875 145th St West, Rosemount. Attendees included Members: Katie Koch-Laveen, Mark Glende, Rebecca Higgins and Renee Burman. Council Member Vanessa Demuth, Senior Engineer Technician Derick Anderson, Interim Public Works Director John Morast, and residents Karen McKowski and Bryce McKowski.

2. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Renee Burman requested the minutes be corrected to reflect that Rebecca Higgins attended and reported on the Rosemount Clean-up Day.

Motion by Burman. **Second** by Higgins.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

4. PRESENTATIONS

Avery Hildebrand, Conservation Minnesota, reported that the non-profit received 2017 funding to work with Minnesota governments on Bird City U.S.A. designation from the Audubon Society. Rebecca Higgins indicated the Task Force is interested in pursuing designation next year. Although not required for assistance and coordination, Conservation Minnesota is interested in a formal partnership with the City of Rosemount. John Morast and Vanessa Demuth will discuss options of entering into a MOA with City Administration.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Partners in Energy

The City submitted a Partners in Energy Application (PiE). The application is currently under review by Xcel Energy. Notification of which cities will be awarded is anticipated in mid-November.

b. Subcommittees

- Energy Efficiency. An update on the motion sensor pilot was provided under New Business.

- Water Conservation Subcommittee. Research continues on the possibility of “smart” sprinklers for public and private lawns.
- Waste and Recycling. Task members expressed interest in city collection of leaves in the fall. Mark Glende will research other cities that offer such collection, and related city codes. Renee Burman recommended the City increase education efforts in the fall to residents on proper management of yard waste and prohibition of leaf burning.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Pop machine motion sensor/Energy usage monitoring

Mark Glende worked with city staff to pilot use of motion sensor on a refrigerated pop machine in the Police Department. The sensor turns on the compressors only when the sensor is triggered, reducing the energy load. The soda remained cold and no complaints from City staff were observed. Derick Anderson will be monitoring the kilowatt usage to measure the machine’s energy reduction. Industry research on similar monitors indicates up to a 46% energy reduction and \$140 savings in energy costs per machine annually.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City is revising the Local Water Supply Plan. John Morast provided a copy of the draft plan to REST members and asked for review. REST members approved moving the next meeting up to Tuesday, December 6 to allow adequate discussion before comments go to the City Council on December 12.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.