

## MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Commission members: Mike Chevalier, Christine Ahmann-Maples, Kevin Toskey, Will Seuffert, and Scott Peterson. Absent: Brandon Cass and Peter Merrill.

Also present: Council Member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, Roxy Robertson, WSB, and Julia Eagles.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Toskey to approve the agenda. Seconded by Maples. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Seuffert to approve the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Toskey. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Minnesota Local Government Coalition Regulatory Engagement Roadmap Xcel Energy 2020-2034 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)**

Julia Eagles, Associate Director of Utility and Regulatory Strategy for the Institute for Market Transformation presented a power point presentation of Xcel Energy's 2020-2034 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The plan is a long-term vision for resource development, load projections consisting of preferred plans such as wind and solar and the retirement of energy resources such as coal and nuclear.

Local government has an interest to engage in the plan because local government sustainability plans relate to Xcel's plans as they relate to energy and carbon reductions.

Motion by Toskey, seconded by Chevalier to recommend to the Council to sign on to the joint letter in response to the Xcel Energy Integrated Resource Plan. Motion carried with Commissioner Seuffert abstaining.

#### **Discussion of Resolution of Support for Clean Cars Minnesota.**

Conservation Minnesota has provided a Resolution for the City to adopt in support of MPCA's Clean Cars rule which supports Governor Walz announcement that Minnesota would be joining 14 other states in adopting clean car standards, which are regulations and incentives for the auto industry aimed at reducing pollution and giving customers more choices for low and zero emission vehicles.

Attached, is an example of the Resolution. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Toskey to recommend to the Council approval of the Resolution of Support for Clean Cars Minnesota. Motion carried.

If the Council approves the Resolution, a copy will be sent to the MPCA.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Sustainability Plan**

Roxy Robertson of WSB presented the draft so far of work on the Sustainability Plan. Commissioner Toskey presented an update document consisting of ideas from Burnsville and Northfield as well as the information former Commissioner Kimberly Byrd compiled. Attached is the document.

As part of work on the Sustainability Plan, Roxy presented a proposal from LHB to collect community wide energy, waste, water, and greenhouse gas emissions data from 2018, 2019, and 2020 for \$3,500.00. The Commission feels the collection of this information will be worthwhile.

Motion by Commissioner Seuffert, seconded Commissioner Peterson to recommend approval of the LHB proposal to the City Council. Motion carried.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following are on the agenda for the March Environmental Commission Meeting:

1. Sustainability Plan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Seuffert, seconded by Maples to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Scott Neilson  
City Administrator