



City of Ketchum

December 21, 2020

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
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Ketchum, Idaho

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Recommendation to Approve Resolution 20-031, Regarding Clean Energy Goals

Recommendation and Summary

Members of the Climate Action Coalition of Wood River Valley presented during the December 7th City Council Meeting regarding new clean energy goals. Following the presentation, Council directed staff to place the resolution outlining the goals on the next Council meeting for action.

"I move to approve the Clean Energy Goals Resolution 20-031."

The reasons for the request are as follows:

- The new goals build upon the city's current clean energy goals outlined in the sustainability plan
- Community input received during the December 7th City Council meeting supported these new goals
- Should the Council approve these new goals, the city will participate in a valley working group to develop an implementation strategy

Introduction and History

The 2019 and 2020 city sustainability action plan contains specific goals as it relates to clean energy. Attached is a cross-walk document that compares the current city goals to the ones proposed by the Climate Action Coalition. Two options or approaches were presented to the Council during the December 7th meeting. Option one, the City of Ketchum could support these goals but not adopt a resolution committing to these until the action plan was developed so that we could present an executable strategy to the public. Option two, the city could adopt a resolution of support now, and then join the working group to develop the implementation plan. The Council provided staff direction that they preferred option one.

Analysis/Next Steps

A valley working group will be established in January 2021 to develop an implementation strategy. Staff will make sure to provide consistent updates to the Council regarding the working group's progress.

Sustainability Impact

This topic is a key policy component of the city's sustainability plan.

Financial Impact

Until the implementation plan is developed, the specific fiscal impact to both city operations as well as utility rate payers is unclear.

Attachments:

1. Cross-walk document between current and proposed energy goals
2. Resolution 20-031

**CITY OF KETCHUM
RESOLUTION NO. 20-031**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
STATED GOALS TO POWER BLAINE COUNTY WITH 100% CLEAN ENERGY BY 2045
AND 100% CLEAN ELECTRICITY BY 2035**

WHEREAS, clean energy is defined as wind, solar, geothermal, and existing functional hydropower and any energy technologies that are carbon-free, equitable, and have a low environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, clean energy represents an enormous economic opportunity to create jobs in an emerging industry, increase economic security expand prosperity for local residents, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, reduce the strain on water resources, and save money for consumers; and

WHEREAS, cities and states all over the United States representing over 100 million people have adopted 100% clean power pledges; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the existence of climate change, and that the combustion of fossil fuels creates greenhouse gas pollution, causing the warming and disturbance of the global climate; and

WHEREAS, locally, our changing climate has already led to increased variability of the snowpack leading to water scarcity for residents and farmers, increased frequency of wildfires and smoke and warming of streams that threatens coldwater fish; and

WHEREAS, rooftop solar, low-income community solar, energy efficiency, energy storage and demand-control technologies offer the opportunity to distribute resources equitably, address poverty, stimulate new economic activity, and lessen the energy cost burden upon those most impacted by high energy bills; and

WHEREAS, distributed solar energy paired with energy storage is an important strategy to build disaster resilience into our communities, and to assist with disaster recovery. Ensuring equitable distribution of these resources is imperative to adequately prepare for disasters, particularly those exacerbated by climate change; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Power has committed to 100% Clean Energy by 2045 and is committed to working with our cities and county to help us achieve our clean energy goals; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials in Blaine County support the value that a healthy environment is intrinsically tied to the wellbeing of a community and the strength of its economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITIES WITHIN BLAINE COUNTY (BELLEVUE, CAREY, HAILEY, KETCHUM, AND SUN VALLEY) AND BLAINE COUNTY ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE:

- I. One Hundred Percent (100%) clean energy for municipal electricity use by 2030, including at least 75% clean energy by 2025; and
- II. One Hundred Percent (100%) clean energy powered vehicle fleet and clean energy powered maintenance equipment by 2030; and
- III. One Hundred Percent (100%) clean energy for the communitywide electricity supply by 2035; and
- IV. One Hundred Percent (100%) clean energy for all energy use by 2045.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a regional stakeholder group will be formed including representatives from each city government, the county, citizens, businesses, and local experts from our non-profit community to create a roadmap to achieve our clean energy goals.

- I. This group should be formed by January 2021;
- II. An action plan to achieve 100% clean energy should be submitted to the public by August 2021; and
- III. The plan should be approved by city governments and the County by January 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of December, 2020.

NEIL BRADSHAW, Mayor

ATTEST:

KATRIN SHARP, Deputy City Clerk