

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Van Akkeren, Jennifer Rutten, Lora Hagen, Chris Kuehnel, Geralyn Leannah, Cheryl Sohn, Jeanne Kliejunas, and Rebecca Clarke.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rebecca Stewart, Akshay Jain, Leovardo Aguilar, and Kelsey Bird.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jared Soto, Donovan Zove, Mark Mahoney, Paige Benish, Carol Dussault, Tracey Ludirk, and Linda Shimon.

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Administrator Casey Bradley and Administrative Clerk Rachel Masse.

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair James Van Akkeren called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

- Carol Dussault spoke on the use of Evergreen Park for Making Spirits Bright.
- Paige Benish spoke on the potential use of Inflation Reduction Act funds toward electric buses for the Sheboygan Area School District.

MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes: October 9, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2023.

Motion made by Lora Hagen, seconded by Chris Kuehnel. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Introduction of City Administrator Casey Bradley

Casey Bradley introduced himself and spoke on his role in the City.

6. Status of Vision Statement with Common Council

James Van Akkeren reported the Vision Statement was accepted and filed with the Common Council.

7. Next steps to enact Vision Statement

MOTION TO SUBMIT THE VISION STATEMENT TO COUNCIL AS A RESOLUTION, AND TO REQUEST A COUNCIL MEMBER BECOME A LIASON FOR THE SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE.

Motion made by Chris Kuehnel, seconded by GERALYN LEANNAH. Motion carried.

8. Report of Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee

Rebecca Clarke and Rachel Masse reported on the Land Use and Conservation Committee.

9. Report of Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee

No report, subcommittee did not meet last month.

10. First review of draft City Policy on Transitioning to Electric Vehicles

James Van Akkeren introduced draft copy. Full discussion will take place at next Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

11. Review of conversation with Director of Finance, Kaitlyn Krueger

James Van Akkeren and Chris Kuehnel reported on their conversation with Director of Finance Kaitlyn Krueger regarding budget details and breakdown for the City of Sheboygan.

12. Review of conversation with Director of Department of Public Works, David Biebel

James Van Akkeren reported on his conversation with Director of Public Works David Biebel regarding; planning grant application for the Complete Streets Program, potential installation of solar panels on City owned roofs, plans for the pedestrian bridge, electric vehicles, bio diesel, and reduced mowing of City green spaces.

13. Presentation on Sustainability

James Van Akkeren spoke to the committee offering to give a Sustainability Presentation to interested groups.

14. Creation of Education Subcommittee

Committee discussed creating an Education Subcommittee.

15. Review of contact with the DNR Green Tier Legacy Communities

James Van Akkeren spoke on the Green Tier Report.

16. Events of Interest

-11/9/23 at 5:30pm - In the Weeds Book Club - Mead Public Library

-11/27/23 at 11:00am - Bio Diesel Webinar hosted by Wisconsin Clean Cities

-1/9/24 at 12:00pm - Nature at Noon Presentation - Maywood

-Other?

NEXT MEETING DATE

16. Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

ADJOURN

17. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJORN AT 6:09PM.

Motion made by Jeanne Kliejunas, seconded by Chris Kuehnel. Motion carried.