

Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee

Chairman Politsch called the meeting of the Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee to order at 2:00 P.M., on March 2, 2010, at Alton City Hall, 101 E. Third Street, Alton, Illinois.

Members Present: Darrell McGibany, Alderman David Boulds, Zeke Jabusch, and Chairman Wayne Politsch

Members Absent: Jeremy Mills, Alderman Mick McCahill, and Joel Schwaab

Staff and Guests: Matt Asselmeier, Dale Kelley, and Jeff Dale

Darrell McGibany made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010, meeting, seconded by Alderman David Boulds. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Politsch reported that the people at Rock Hills Trail, the green subdivision in Wood River, had another commitment and a tour was not possible for today. A suggestion was made to have the tour at the May 4, 2010 meeting. Chairman Politsch will check to see if it is possible to do a tour at that time.

Discussion occurred regarding doing a Climate Action Plan and using the Evanston, Illinois, Climate Action Plan as a guide. Alderman Boulds asked for volunteers to work with him in going through the Plan, page by page, and see what was applicable to Alton. Several individuals agreed to assist with this project. A special meeting of the Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee will occur on March 9th, at 2:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers to go over the Evanston Climate Action Plan.

Discussion also occurred regarding Edwardsville's Climate Action Plan. Matt Asselmeier reported that Edwardsville is using a computer program and a graduate student to determine their carbon footprint and their Climate Action Plan. Discussion occurred regarding engaging students from Principia, SIUE, and the University of Illinois for energy efficiency related projects.

Discussion occurred regarding the April 6th presentation by FOCUS St. Louis. Matt Asselmeier reported that everything was ready. Discussion occurred regarding inviting the media to the presentation. Matt Asselmeier will check with FOCUS St. Louis regarding whether or not media should be invited. Discussion also occurred regarding inviting local college students to the meeting.

Jeff Dale stated that he was a resident interested in the Cool Cities Committee. He talked about electric vehicle conversion and creating recharging areas throughout the City for electric cars.

Dale Kelley gave an update on his work for the City and his conversations with Sean Wynne of the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC).

With no additional business before the Committee, Chairman Politsch adjourned the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, MPA