

Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee

A meeting of the Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee was called to order at 4:06 P.M., on August 3, 2010, at Alton City Hall, 101 E. Third Street, Alton, Illinois.

Members Present: Alderman David Boulds and Darrell McGibany

Members Absent: Alderman Mick McCahill, Zeke Jabusch, Jeremy Mills, Joel Schwaab, and Chairman Wayne Politsch

Staff and Guests: Matt Asselmeier, Jeff Dale, Dale Kelley, Dan Dotson, and Brian Hutchinson

A quorum not being present, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 P.M. No action was taken on any items.

Following adjournment, Matt Asselmeier gave an update on the Climate Action Plan and why the City is creating the Climate Action Plan. The Committee is waiting on information from several of its members regarding their research of their portion of the Plan.

Darrell McGibany contacted Joe Parente at Madison County regarding energy grant funds. The County spent the money on their buildings. The County anticipates a \$200,000 savings. The percentage of this savings is unknown. They hope to get additional money in the future for municipalities and businesses and possibly creating a revolving loan program.

Matt Asselmeier reported that the grant for the electric cars fell through because of vacations and the death of a family member of one of the grant team members. The information gathered can be used for future grants. On a related item, the City submitted an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and a loan to speed up the process of lighting retrofits at the Public Works Building.

Discussion occurred regarding energy usage at City Hall and the Public Works Building. The objectives are to tighten the buildings and make them more energy efficient. The hope was that life cycle costs, as opposed to a quick, small savings, would be employed. Discussion occurred regarding the bid process, the source of funding (grants) for the upgrades, and a public relations campaign regarding energy efficiency. Discussion ended at 4:58 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 7th, at 4:00 P.M., at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, MPA