

COMMUNITY RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Minutes: Monday, August 15, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Libby Bacon, Lisa Callahan, Don Ernst, Rusty Fleetwood, Frank Kelly, Karen Kelly, Sandy Major, Judy Miller, Mallory Pearce, Freda Rutherford, Paul Wolff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Burke, Shelly Krueger, Tommy Linstroth, Pat Locklear

CALL TO ORDER:

Rusty called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS:

Karen made a motion to approve the June 20 and July 18 minutes. Don seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Energy Committee –

City Electrical Usage: Lisa Callahan

Lisa provided members with data of the City's electrical usage. She explained percentage increases / decreases between this year and last year and the same from 2008, when the grant was written. She will present this data to City Council and explain the timeline of when improvements were made. City Hall looks good. The Gym numbers were up and down, but she found that the numbers went down when the Ecobee system was fixed. Last month the numbers went up and she commented that a possible reason could be due to the play happening. The Old School numbers show that people are using good sense. The Fire Department and Administration numbers are high. She suggested that the electric company comes out to check the meters. Paul confirmed this has been done and that the Admin building should only be considered.

Four sites are part of the grant as follows: the Y, the gym, City Hall and the Fire Administration building. She suggested a graph be on display at each location showing kilowatt hour usage and that the building with the greatest decrease could win something until numbers stabilize. This would help with inaccurate perceptions. She

confirmed she will present information about the four buildings with January – July 2008, 2010 and 2011 numbers to City Council with visuals. Rusty suggested that

Lisa also explained the presentation ties in with a primary goal of the committee, which is to reduce the electrical usage of city owned properties by “x” percentage. Rusty confirmed that posting the visual data is a good idea as long as it is done properly and is a good first step. Paul introduced David Gray and Brad Sherman. They are working on the geothermal and they met prior to the meeting. David has ideas about comparing usage “apples to apples.” David explained cost avoidance has been done for City Hall in terms of kilowatt hours versus utility bill increases. Freda suggested just the facts be presented. Freda made a motion that Lisa present the data at the August 25 City Council meeting and move forward. Don seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste Committee

Upcoming Recycling Workshop

Rusty provided recycling workshop notes. He commented that Karen went before Council during the last July meeting and requested a recycling community wide workshop be held so that everyone could be on the same page. The recycling workshop will be 7pm – 8pm August 29 which is prior to the City sending out a Request for Proposal for a new solid waste contract.

The city is having a pre-meeting Friday. Rusty handed out and reviewed workshop notes prepared by the committee which include the purpose, participants and discussion topics. He requested the committee look closely at the discussion topics and reviewed for discussion.

Libby stated she will do a report about what businesses are participating in the oil recycling program at the next meeting.

Rusty and Karen requested everyone personally reach out to invite people to participate.

Paul confirmed the glass crusher was deferred during the budget approval process. Councilman Bill Garbett requested data to support the need. He explained there are two alternatives on the table. One is a single stream recycling compactor on the southend and the second is a glass crusher. Discussion ensued about how glass would be collected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judy reported that the Water Energy Fair committee has been meeting. She showed the committee a green footprint logo they will be using for the 2012 Fair.

Paul introduced Art Campbell and his colleague from SCAD. They have been working on sustainability projects in terms of windmills and we may get an offer. Art explained they are starting a new company in Savannah to initiate community projects with City Government collaboration. They are working on a proposal to gift Tybee a wind turbine.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

ADJOURN:

Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

