

**REGULAR MEETING  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
City of Oakdale  
August 19, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) of the City of Oakdale was held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at the Oakdale Municipal Building, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Miller at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL OF ROLL**

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Present: Keith Miller, Chairperson  
Gretel Drainville  
Bonnie Wilson  
James Persoon  
Caitlin Bergh  
Nick Kantola  
Noah Gerding

Also Present: Susan Olson, City Council Liaison  
Jen Hassebroek, Sr. Community Development Specialist

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERSOON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (EMC) MEETING OF THE JULY 15, 2019 MINUTES, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION:**

**Page Two, Paragraph 6: Typographical error (change the word looking to look).**

**7 AYES.**

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE STUDY**

Chairperson Miller noted the Electric Vehicle Study (EVS) is part of 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update, Chapter 8 Resilience goals and policies.

Because the first step in this process is to look at EV's and evaluate the City's role in their use, Ms. Hassebroek provide a detailed presentation overviewing the EV'S, including the following:

- Summary of actions that could be taken to promote public and City use of EV's
- EV background
- EV charging
- EV benefits for the community
- EV types
- Advancing the use of EV'S by the public and the city through education, policy/regulation and partnership

Chairperson Miller commented on the variety of EV advancement strategies that could be recommended, such as policy regulation changes, and promoting the September 14 Ride and Drive event in Minneapolis. He said he would like to have our own Ride and Drive event in the future. He also commented on other parts of the study that he felt we could promote and/or implement.

Ms. Hassebroek stated they will take feedback from the commission and bring a condensed version of the recommended policy changes, zoning code updates and loan program changes to the City Council to discuss the next steps to take for implementation.

In response to Commissioner Drainville's question on her concern about the EV battery disposal, Ms. Hassebroek vehicle manufacturers are looking at better ways to decommission them.

In response to Commissioner Wilson's question on whether the public could use the charging station if we had our own fleet vehicles, Ms. Hassebroek said the intention is to have the fleet indoors at some point.

In response to Commissioner Drainville's question on whether we could have a charging station on city property, Ms. Hassebroek said there would need to be a discussion on where it would be located.

The commissioners agreed the study was very thorough and easy to understand.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

Chairperson Miller discussed having high school students participate on the commission this school year. Ms. Hassebroek noted student members are allowed per the by-laws and she is reaching out to ISD 622 to see if there is a student environmental club.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 16, 2019

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE COMMISSIONER BERGH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERSON, TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKDALE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AT 8:07 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Hannigan