



**MISSION:**

*“To assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.”*

**DATE:** January 18, 2022

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** City Hall, North Conf. Rm.

**CHAIR:** Doug Faulkner

**RECORDER:** Ned Noel, Senior Planner

**Members Present:** Cameron Bump, Doug Faulkner, Brian Graff, Monica Obrycki, Gary Pesicka, Jim Schumacher

**Others in attendance:** Steve Betchkal

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order**

Chair Faulkner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call**

Chair Faulkner called roll and the required member count was present for a quorum.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval of November 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Pesicka moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Graff and the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Election of Officers**

Ms. Obrycki moved Mr. Graff as chair. Seconded by Mr. Bump. Mr. Faulkner moved Mr. Pesicka as vice chair. Seconded by Mr. Graff. Ms. Obrycki moved Mr. Schumacher as secretary. Seconded by Mr. Faulkner. All motions carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Open Public Comment Period for Items that do not appear on the Agenda**

None.

**Public Discussions**

**AGENDA ITEM: Item #6A Work Plan 2023 Approval**

The final draft of the work plan was presented. After approval, City Council needs to consider approving it.

Mr. Pesicka moved to approve the work plan. Mr. Schumacher seconded and the motion carried.

**Other Business Agenda Items**

**Item #7A Community Updates**

**• Zoning Rewrite**

Mr. Noel stated staff has begun the RFP process. In late March or early April, the project is expected to start work with the consultant. As it is related to the SAC work plan, members were encouraged to research any sustainable development codes or nature-based solutions they think are good examples for the rewrite.

**• WI Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)**

PACE in Wisconsin has hit the \$200 million financing mark. There are two active programs, one state-wide and one with the City of Milwaukee. There have been two projects financed with PACE loans so far in the city

**• City Staff Training**

During MLK Jr. Day on January 16th, the City’s Green Team and Eau Claire County’s Sustainability and Recycling

Specialist, Regan Watts, presented education on waste prevention and recycling. The staff-wide training was important for waste reduction and conducting more sustainable city operations.

**• Federal Energy Funding**

The City of Eau Claire will receive about \$130,000 from the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program. This may go to the naturally occurring affordable housing energy efficiency program that SAC has been working on for over a year. The general public can also take advantage of numerous Inflation Reduction Act incentives.

**• No Mow May**

The City Council will be reviewing a draft ordinance on January 23rd during a public discussion. On January 24th they will vote on the ordinance to allow a program in May. The ordinance amendment would delay enforcement of the 7-inch lawn height maximum to June 1st. The JONAH Environmental Task Force is expecting to hear back about the Visit Eau Claire grant to support the program by the end of the month.

**• Earth Day Event**

The JONAH Environmental Task Force in collaboration with Beaver Creek Reserve and the Eau Claire County Office of Recycling and Sustainability invited SAC be a part of the inaugural Earth Week Open House. It will be on Thursday April 20, 2023 at the Brewing Projekt. SAC will consider volunteering for the event.

**Discussion and Direction**

**AGENDA ITEM #8A: Future Agenda Items**

Members directed staff to get started on the annual awards.

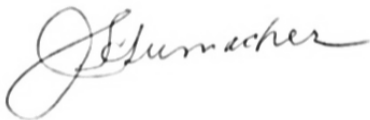
**AGENDA ITEM #8B: Announcements**

Ms. Obrycki stated Eau Claire Energy Cooperative’s electric vehicle Smartcharge program has a goal of 100 drivers. It includes a smart meter charger and a flat rate for those that 400kWh average per month.

**AGENDA ITEM #9: Adjournment**

Chair Faulkner adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



**Jim Schumacher, Secretary**

<b>FUTURE MEETING DATES:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>
February 15, 2023	3:30 p.m.	City Hall, N. Conf. Room