

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

On November 19, 2020, the Environmental Task Force met remotely via Zoom at 12:00 P.M., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Dillon	Y	6	6
Roger Gloe	Y	11	10
David Moody	Y	6	6
Adam Schaer	N	6	2
Howard Smith	Y	19	16
Ryan Zimmer	Y	11	10
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF</b>			
Blair Snow	Y		

The following guests were also present:

Julie Allegretti, Utilities Program Manager  
Jonathan Gresham, Director of Utilities  
Julie Herman, Public Works Program Coordinator  
Donny Hooper, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Damen Ratliff, Assistant Director of Utilities  
Izzy Rivera, Building Official  
Will Smith, Superintendent of Solid Waste  
Courtney White - City Attorney I  
Craig Workman, Assistant Superintendent of Solid Waste (Disposal)

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Ryan Zimmer, Chairman. The following items of business were conducted:

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**2. MINUTES**

Motion to approve the October 22, 2020 minutes as written was made by Roger Gloe, seconded by David Moody and passed with a 5-0 vote.

**3. DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVES**

Julie Allegretti discussed revising the previous rain sensor incentive. She has talked with the Utility Billing Department about issuing credits and the Building Safety Department. The device list will need to be updated. Ryan Zimmer will be speaking with a smart water controller manufacturer regarding possible citywide incentives.

**ACTIONS:** Roger Gloe work with Julie via email to update the rain sensor device list. Ryan Zimmer provide a report regarding smart water controller manufacturer and possible incentives.

**4. DISCUSS WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**

Julie Allegretti discussed updates to the current ordinance including the definition of water waste, proposed fines and watering restrictions. An in-depth discussion of assigned watering days and times (voluntary vs. mandatory), peak water use month restrictions, tiered rates and the Drought Contingency Plan did not result in a consensus regarding a path forward. The Drought Contingency Plan will be revised and smart meters will

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

be in place to better track water usage in two years. The goal is to proactively eliminate water waste and excessive water use. Public education will be needed as pushback is expected.

**ACTION:** Damen Ratliff provide water consumption and wastewater reports at the next meeting.

**5. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL COMPOSTING**

Will Smith reported the Kabota is up and running at the landfill and temporary meters have been purchased. Sifting and testing will occur within the next few months. There have been no composting material pickups from the Food Bank, etc. Multiple Public Works divisions have been picking up brush for the past 14 days following a winter weather event and hauling it to the brush sites for chipping.

**ACTION:** Will Smith contact the Greenways to get pilot residential composting program on track for spring and coordinate collection boxes with Ryan Zimmer.

**6. SET DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

Howard Smith noted that City Council extended the term of the Environmental Task Force for a period of 2 years. Appointments of Environmental Task Force members have been adjusted accordingly.

The next meeting of the Environmental Task Force will be held remotely via Zoom on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM. Agenda items will include water conservation incentives, water conservation requirements, commercial and residential composting (Will Smith, Solid Waste Superintendent) and a staff report on alley cleanup efforts from the Illegal Dumping Task Force (Blair Snow).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.