

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

On the 8th day of February 2017, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. on the Second floor, Conference Room 208, Simms Municipal Building, 808. S. Buchanan, with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Charlie Graham	Y	3	2
Taylor Finley	N	3	2
Tom Johnson	Y	3	3
Chris Guley	N	3	2
Mindy Odom	Y	3	2
Sy Campbell – Resigned 2/8/17	N	3	0
Cole Camp	Y	3	3
John Kiehl	N	3	1
<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF</b>			
Paul Harpole	Y	3	3
David Lehfeltdt	Y	3	3

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

**Consider Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Mayor Paul Harpole, seconded by Tom Johnson, motion passed.

**Distribution of information**

Julie White handed out information on the following:

- Recycling List (City of Amarillo Recycling centers information)
- List of topics discussed by the environmental task force.

**Residential Hazardous Waste Recycling**

Dave Lehfeltdt informed the committee about that the City of Amarillo’s Household Hazard Waste program. He provided a handout about the program, items that are accepted, and not accepted. Household hazardous waste items are accepted at the Environmental lab at 4001 S Osage for sorting and recycling or disposal by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting (806) 342-1556 or (806) 342-1528. This information is also available on the City of Amarillo’s web site.

Discussion was held about battery recycling. Private companies will recycle all types of batteries. The question of what the City of Amarillo does with their cores was discussed. Mayor Harpole requested information about what the City of Amarillo does with their cores.

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**Review of Action Items**

Tire recycling

- Discussions were held as follows:
  - Dave informed the committee that over 35,000 tires were disposed of improperly last year. Tires are not allowed in the landfill, the City must pay a third party company to haul off the tires collected.
  - Mayor Harpole spoke about the tire dumping problem in Amarillo and informed the committee about the new ordinance and that was put in place to help combat the problem.
  - The cost companies charge to dispose of the old tires when new tires are purchased vs. what the landfill charges to dispose of tires.
  - Increasing the charge at the landfill for tire disposal
  - Purchasing a Tire shredder to reduce cost of tire disposal
    - Cost of Tire Shredder - \$95,000 - \$250,000
  - State tire disposal regulations vs. City of Amarillo tire disposal ordinance
  - **Mayor Harpole recommended that the landfill policy be changed with regards to acceptance of tires and coordinated with the new rules and ordinances. Dr. Johnson made the motion to create a draft ordinance to review at the next meeting to present to the City council Mr. Graham seconded, motion passed.**

Concrete / Asphalt recycling

- Discussions were held as follows:
  - Commercial recycling
  - LA Fuller having concrete recycling at their plant
  - Concrete and Asphalt recycling companies
  - How recycled asphalt and concrete can be used as base material in roads.
  - Concrete companies washing out concrete trucks on City property

Glass Crusher

- Dave Lehfeldt provided the following information:
  - Provided a hand out to the committee about a glass crusher
  - Provided a sample of crushed glass
  - Explained how crushing glass could save room in the landfill
  - The end product of the crushed glass is a silica like sand
  - Uses of silica sand resulting from crushed glass
  - Cost of glass crusher

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Ways to Educate the Public

- Ideas discussed
  - Slogan “Amarillo Recycles”
  - Link prominent on City web page so people can click and it will take them to the recycling information
  - Update pictures on recycling web page or remove pictures
  - Invite Rich Gagnon, IT director, to the next meeting to discuss how to place recycling on the City’s website.
  - Remarket and expand on the word “recycling”
  - Breaking down education areas
    - Discuss way to educate the public with the web master
    - Involve the school district for public education
    - Newspaper (Print Media)
    - Social Media
    - Bill Boards
  - Raymond Lee spoke about the ways the City of Dallas promoted recycling.

Resignation of committee member

The committee was informed that Sy Campbell resigned from the committee.

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

- Consider minutes
- Discuss the public education component
  - Discussion with Rich Gagnon (City of Amarillo IT director) about the city’s website
- Review draft of Tire Ordinance
- Review list of recycling materials identified by the committee
- Information on what the City is doing internally as far as recycling
- Set next meeting date

**Adjourn**

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.