

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On the 23rd day of August 2017, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. on the Second floor, Conference Room 203, Simms Municipal Building, 808 S. Buchanan, with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Charlie Graham	N	9	4
Taylor Finley — Resigned 8/22/17	N	9	4
Tom Johnson	Y	9	8
Chris Gulley	N	9	5
Mindy Odom	Y	9	6
Cole Camp	Y	9	9
John Kiehl	Y	9	7
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
David Lehfeldt	Y	9	8

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted: The committee acknowledged Taylor Finley’s resignation from the task force.

Consider Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by John Kiehl, seconded by Tom Johnson, motion passed.

Consider New Chair Person

Motion was made by John Kiehl to keep Cole Camp as chair person, seconded by Mindy Odom, motion passed. Discussion was held how to apply to be a member of the Environmental Task Force.

Update on Brush and Composting Programs

Dave Lehfeldt updated the task force on the following:

- Composting facility drainage – Run off and Run on water
- Organic waste received from a tractor trailer accident (vegetables)
- Training received about commercial collection of food waste.
- Community meeting brush site updates
- Brush site discussions
 - Firewood
 - Free Mulch
 - Commercial operators
 - General public concerns about more illegal dumping in alleys
- Discussion was held about having sites open temporary when a weather event causes damage to trees.
- Brush sites closed due to excessive dumping at the entrances
- Information about the status of the public meetings
- Making suggestions to City council about where to go with the brush program
- Discussion about possible reactions by the public if the brush sites are closed
- Brush sites opened quarterly
- 6 month grace period to commercial companies before charging a fee at the landfill
- Discount landfill fees for pre-sorted organic materials

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Tire Status Update

Scott McDonald updated the task force on the meetings that have been held with the tire retailers. He provided a list of suggested environmental fees the retailers will be required to charge if the tire ordinance is revised. Discussion followed of the following:

- How the City of Amarillo's proposed required charges compare to other City's
- Disposal cost of tires
- Draft tire ordinance

Dave Lehfeldt was ask to provide a draft ordinance to the task force for review

Recycling / Disposal of Old Fuels

Tabled

Will invite employees from the City's E-Lab to attend next meeting

Discuss Long Term Recycling Opportunities

The list of recyclable materials was the following was discussed:

- Ways to educate the public about where to take recyclable materials
- Prioritize items on the list
- Develop a list of places to take recycling items

Website Update

The following was discussed regarding the recycling page for the new website:

- Ideas for the website
- Subject , content, and grouping
- Look at other municipalities' recycling websites for format ideas
 - City of Austin
 - Washtenaw County Michigan
 - Any major college town
 - UT
 - College Station
- Timeline of when website information is needed
- Developing and outline of categories and sub-categories
- Discussion what message to send to the public
- External links

Public Comments

Mr. Gloe spoke about water irrigation concerns.

Next Meeting Date – September 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Consider Tire Ordinance
- Make recommendations to City council about brush program
- Prioritize long term recycling items
- Old fuel disposal
- Review suggested website content

Adjourn

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.