

City of Amarillo  
Environmental Task Force

On the 11th day of January 2017, the Environmental Task Force met at 6:00 p.m. on the Third Floor, Room 303, Council Conference Room, City Hall, 509 Southeast 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. and the following items of business were conducted:

**Appointment of Chairman**

Tom Johnson motioned Cole Camp be chairman of the committee, John Kiehl seconded, all in favor motion passed.

**Consider Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes with the correction of Mr. Cole be changed to Mr. Camp was made by Tom Johnson, seconded by Chris Gulley, motion passed.

**Distribution of information**

Mayor Harpole handed out information on the following:

- Open Meetings Training Certificate
- City of Amarillo Authorization for Release of Personal Information
- Rainwater Harvesting Rebate
- Drought Contingency Plan

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**Assessment of Recycling**

The following recycling topics were discussed.

- What recycling the City of Amarillo currently offers
  - Clean wood (brush sites)
  - Used oil and oil filters (recycling locations)
    - Discussion on how oil and oil filters are recycled in Amarillo
  - Aluminum
  - Tin
  - Scrap metal
    - Discussion on how the metal is collected from the Landfill and Transfer Station.
  - Residential Hazardous Materials
    - May be taken to Industrial Waste
      - Dave Lehfeldt will investigate the residential hazardous materials limits the City of Amarillo may accept.
      - Dave Lehfeldt explained what residential house hold waste residents can dispose in dumpsters.
- Products NOT currently recycled by the City of Amarillo:
  - Products that can be composted
    - Dave Lehfeldt would like to develop a full fledged composing facility at the landfill.
  - Glass
    - Dave Lehfeldt discussed the benefits of crushing glass into sand like product. This would not require glass to be sorted into specific categories for recycling. Research will need to be done on the cost of a glass crusher.
  - Batteries
    - Retailers would need to be contacted to determine what type of battery they accept.
  - Plastic
    - There is no cost effective way to recycle plastic. There is too much contamination.
  - E-Waste
    - Retailers would need to be contacted to determine what type E-Waste they accepted
    - “Call to Recycle” will provided free cell phone and cell battery recycling

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- How to inform the public on recycling resources
  - Have an understanding of what the resident's assessments and attitudes are towards recycling
  - Once a month, provide information to educate the public on various recycling topics. Ideas included posting information in/on:
    - Newspaper
    - Social Media
    - Blog
    - Billboards
    - City Website
    - New Station media section
- Action Items
  - List of recyclable items the committee has identified
  - Address the cost of a glass crusher
  - Ways to educated the public on recycling

**Presentation from PRPC**

John Kiehl and Lori Gunn discussed what recycling assistance programs the Panhandle Environmental Partnership and CTRA have to help rural communities with recycling needs. John Kiehl explained types of materials that are recycled and how the programs function. The organizations would be interested in helping a community the size of Amarillo.

**Interests of committee members**

This topic will be revisited once committee members become more knowledgeable on topics previously discussed.

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

- Consider minutes
- Residential Hazardous Waste recycling
- Review list of recycling materials identified by the committee
- Set next meeting date

**Announcement – Next Meeting**

The next Environmental Task force meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., on the Third Floor, Room 303, Council Conference Room, City Hall, 509 Southeast 7th Avenue City Hall Room 306.

**Adjourn**

With no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.