

RESOLUTION 2022-15
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAYNESVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality of life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a State agency-non-profit partnership, and based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2, or 3 -star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focused on cost savings and energy reduction, and encourage civic innovation. This program provides sustainable development best practices in 5 categories:

1. Building and Lights;
2. Transportation;
3. Land use;
4. Environmental Management;
5. Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move towards energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, the Next Generation Act of 2007, Minnesota sessions laws 2007-Chapter 136:

- (1) Sets state greenhouse gas emissions and reduction goals for cutting emissions to 15% below 2005 by 2015, 30% below 2005 levels by 2025, and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050;
- (2) Sets a State energy conservation goal of achieving annual energy savings equal to 1.5% of annual retail energy sales of electric and natural gas;
- (3) Establishes an energy policy goal that the per capita use of fossil fuel as an energy input shall be reduced by 15% by the year 2015 through increased reliance on energy efficiency and renewable energy alternatives;
- (4) Establishes an energy policy goal that 25% of the electricity used in the state be derived from renewable energy sources by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of sustainable development best practices which can help to achieve these goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Paynesville that it does hereby authorize the City of Paynesville to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program

that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the city to be recognized as a Step 1 GreenStep City by the League of Minnesota Cities. Be it further resolved that the city:

1. Appoints Tariq Al-Rifai to serve as the city GreenStep Coordinator for best practices documentation and implementation; and

2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other government bodies as appropriate in planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and

3. Will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep Cities program is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and

4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace towards implementing any GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction of the city's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step 2 GreenStep city. An ongoing summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted by the city on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Paynesville this 25th day of April, 2022.



Shawn Reinke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tariq Al-Rifai, City Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF ADMINISTRATION

I, Tariq Al-Rifai, the duly appointed, qualified and City Administrator of the City of Paynesville, do hereby certify that the records of the City Council indicate that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of said Resolution of the City of Paynesville.

That present at the meeting were the following council members:

Shawn Reinke, Neil Herzberg, Jean Soine, Paul Thielen and Megan Brick

The following members were absent: None

The vote with respect to the Resolution was as follows:

All in favor of the Resolution.

None against the Resolution.

None abstained from voting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April, 2022.



Tariq Al-Rifai, City Administrator
City of Paynesville

ATTEST:



Shawn Reinke, Mayor
City of Paynesville