

At a second regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Crookston held on the 23rd day of February, 2015, Council

Member Tom Vedbraaten offered the following resolution which was seconded by Council

Member Bob Quanrud,

WHEREAS, Minnesota GreenStep Cities 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 public-private partnership, and based upon 28 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, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and climate change gas reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Crookston does hereby authorize the City of Crookston 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 One GreenStep City. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Shannon Stassen and DeAndra O'Connell to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation and, as appropriate, identifies Crookston InMotion as the city's GreenStep coordination team; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any six GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step Two GreenStep City. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

Upon the call of ayes and nays the vote stood as follows:

Council Members voting in the affirmative: Jorgens, Erickson, Regan, Stainbrook,
Vedbraaten, Quanrud and Melbye.

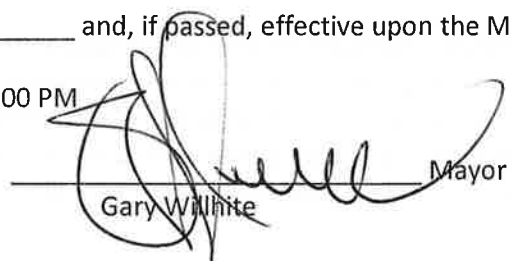
Council Members in the negative:

Upon this vote, the Mayor declares this resolution passed and, if passed, effective upon the Mayor's

signature this 23rd Day of February, 2015, at 7:19:00 PM

Attest:


Angela K. Menge City Clerk
Resolutions2015/GreenStep



Gary White Mayor