

RESOLUTION 14409

**CITY OF HUTCHINSON
COUNTY OF MCLEOD
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency; 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, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and CERTs responded to the 2008 legislation by establishing the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program to provide a series of sustainable development best practices focusing on local government opportunities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

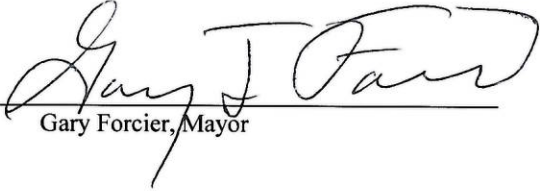
WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Facilities; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA DOES HERBY AUTHRORIZE THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY:

1. Appoints John Paulson to serve as the city's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Plans to take actions to implement the following best practices: Install a solar pv array, adopt a Complete Streets Policy, install LED street lights when replacing existing fixtures; and
4. Will implement all required and a variety of optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings and reduction in the community's greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

Adopted by the City Council this 14th day of April, 2015.

By:


Gary Forcier, Mayor

ATTEST:


Matt Jaunich, City Administrator