

**City of Oakdale  
County of Washington  
State of Minnesota  
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-29**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OAKDALE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM.**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakdale held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Oakdale Municipal Building, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota with the following members present: Mayor Carmen Sarrack, Councilmembers Kent Dotas, Lori Pulkrabek and Paul Reinke, and the following members absent: Councilmember Stan Karwoski; the Oakdale City Council resolved:

**WHEREAS**, uncertainty in energy prices and the transition away from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to both the City of Oakdale and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; and

**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**, the City of Oakdale has promoted energy conservation in the past in Resolution No. 2001-44: Initiating the Generation Green Building Program and Resolution No. 2008-38: Undertaking the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's Five Milestones to Reduce Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollution; 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 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 Oakdale hereby authorizes the City of Oakdale (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Oakdale:

1. Appoints Jennifer Hassebroek 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. Has already implemented projects in the following best practice areas:

Buildings and Lighting Best Practices

- 1) Enter baseline data into MN B3 database.
- 2) Participate in utility programs that provide rebates or co-funding for energy efficiency improvements.
- 3) Install in at least one public building a ground source closed loop geothermal system.
- 4) Integrate green building information into the permit process.
- 5) Conserve drinking water with watering ordinance.
- 6) Provide incentive to builders, homeowners or businesses that build to a green building standard.
- 7) Require by ordinance new city owned buildings to qualify for a green building standard.
- 8) Replace city's traffic signals with LED technology.
- 9) Add design standards that facilitate redevelopment into livable/walkable neighborhoods.

Land Use Best Practices

- 1) Adopt a comprehensive plan.
- 2) Demonstrate that regulatory ordinances comply with the comprehensive plan.
- 3) Include requirements in comprehensive plan for intergovernmental coordination.
- 4) Adopt climate protection goals and link to direct implementation recommendations.
- 5) Modify a PUD to emphasize mixed-use development.

Transportation Best Practices

- 1) Promote walking/biking/transit use.
- 2) Launch a Safe Routes to School program.
- 3) Add/expand transit service.
- 4) Right size city fleet with fuel-efficient vehicles for intended function.

Environmental Management Best Practices

- 1) Adopt a policy toward environmental purchasing.
- 2) Qualify as a Tree City USA.
- 3) Maximize tree planting along your main downtown street.

Economic and Community Development Best Practices

- 1) Report progress annually to community members on GreenStep best practices.


- 2) Organize goals from all city plans and present to community.
- 3) Support green businesses in the community; and
4. Will work toward implementing 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.

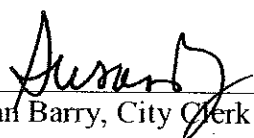
Voting in Favor: Mayor Sarrack, Councilmembers Dotas, Pulkrabek, and Reinke;

Voting Against: None.

Resolution duly seconded and passed this 8th day of March, 2011.

Attest:

  
Carmen Sarrack, Mayor

  
Susan Barry, City Clerk