

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes (page 1)
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Election of Officers (page 4)
 - B. Meeting Schedule (page 5)
 - C. Spring Clean Up/Household Hazardous Waste Collection (page 6)
 - Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8 – 11 am
 - Middle School South Parking Lot and High School West Parking Lot
 - The County needs 4 volunteers
 - Shredding Service – Bank of the West
 - D. Curb-side Scavenging (page 10) – Have it? Dates?
 - E. Compost Site
 - 1. 2014 Report (page 11)
 - 2. Agreement (page 12)
 - 3. Requests To Waive Compost Site Fees (page 16)
 - F. Township Oil Depot Report – Harry Thielen
 - G. Curb-side Leaf Pick Up – No county crew to open bags.
 - H. Campfire/Wood Burning Survey Results (page 19)
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. INFORMATIONAL
- VI. ADJOURN

Please contact Ron Mergen at 320-243-3714 ext. 230 or at ron@paynesvillemn.com if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Members: Donovan Mayer, Bev Aas, Neil Herzberg, Brandon Michaelis, Duane Olmscheid, Harry Thielen, Mike Jensen, Urban Fuchs, Chuck Koshiol, and Hockey Association Representative, Chad Woelfel. Advisory Members: Don Williamson, Ron Mergen, and Renee Eckerly.

This agenda has been prepared to provide information regarding an upcoming meeting of the Paynesville Environmental Committee. This document does not claim to be complete and is subject to change.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: Environmental Committee

Committee/Council Meeting Date: March 12, 2015

Agenda Section: Consent

Originating Department:

Item Number: II - A

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Minutes

Prepared by: Staff

COMMENTS:

Please review the minutes from the April 3, 2014 Environmental Committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION:

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2014 Environmental Committee meeting.

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

APRIL 3, 2014

Chairman Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Gene Beavers, Harry Thielen, Duane Olmscheid, Mike Jensen, Brandon Michaelis, and Chuck Koshiol. Also present were Ron Mergen and Don Williamson. Absent were Urban Fuchs and Tami Stanger.

Motion was made by Jensen to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013 Environmental Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Thielen and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Jensen to elect the following officers:

Chairperson – Bev Aas

Vice Chairperson – Gene Beavers

Secretary – Ron Mergen

Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Michaelis to set the meeting dates for the second Thursday in March and the first Thursday in April at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Aas and unanimously carried.

SPRING CLEAN UP & HHW COLLECTION

The date for the cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 26, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Members reviewed the flyer and pricing on each category and item. Williamson has contacted A & A recycling and confirmed that they will be at the cleanup. The ROSE center will again assist the elderly and/or handicapped. All prices will remain the same. West Central Shredding will be on site and they are sponsored by Bank of the West. Flyers have been updated and were distributed to members to post. The flyers will be in the Press Plus on April 13, 2014. The HHW Collection flyer was reviewed, no corrections were noted.

CURBSIDE SCAVENGING

The poster was reviewed with the scavenging dates to be Friday April 11, 2014 to Sunday April 13, 2014.

COMPOST SITE

The 2013 Compost Site Report was reviewed. An increase in the commercial user fee was noted from \$100.00 to \$200.00, this is due to the large amounts of material the commercial users bring in. The Agreement was reviewed noting the fee of \$10.00 per resident and \$200.00 per business for an annual permit. The Hockey Association will operate the facility for

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a donation of \$6,500.00. If the fees collected don't reach \$6,500.00 the City and Township will make up the difference at a 62%:38% cost split respectively. The most requested improvement was to have an additional day, so the site will now be open in addition to its normal times on Mondays in May, June, and October. It was also noted the Hockey Association is responsible for flooding the outdoor ice rink.

TWP OIL DEPOT

Thielen presented the Oil Depot Report; since 2003 has taken in a total of 43,077 gallons of oil, 1,029 gallons of antifreeze, and 103 barrels of used oil filters.

REFUSE ORDINANCE

Subd. 1 Definitions - this section is recommended to be changed to be consistent with the agreement between the City and West Central Sanitation.

Subd. 9 Refuse collection service defined. The recommended change is that the owners of rental property shall be entitled to set the size of the tenant's carts and shall be responsible for charges. The existing ordinance states the owners of rental property are responsible for charges made for refuse collection. The reasoning for the change was discussed noting that a renter called for a dumpster and then left the owner with the bill.

Discussion points included:

1. This change does nothing to address the dumpsters; the property owners are ultimately responsible.
2. Members discussed that some land lords would give the renter the cheapest service available that may leave garbage piling up in the house, garage or basement. It was noted the City needs to encourage garbage service.
3. It was discussed that anything larger than a cart must be ordered by a land lord not the renter. It was asked how is the contractor to know if it is the owner or renter.
4. It was questioned if this is really enough of a problem to justify a change. Williamson replied this was the first time in 20 years.
5. Williamson stated what they are now doing is for customers with no credit history they are charging an up-front deposit.

Motion was made by Beavers to change Subd. 1 Definitions and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Olmscheid and unanimously carried.

There were no recommended changes to Subd. 9

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: Environmental Committee

Committee/Council Meeting Date: March 12, 2015

Agenda Section: New Business

Originating Department:

Item Number: III - A

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Election of Officers

Prepared by: Staff

COMMENTS:

Nominations for Chairperson.
Nominations for Vice Chairperson.
Nominations for Secretary.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Current officers:
Chair – Bev Aas
Vice Chair – Gene Beavers
Secretary – Ron Mergen

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to elect _____ as Chairperson.

Motion to elect _____ as Vice Chairperson.

Motion to elect _____ as Secretary.

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: Environmental Committee

Committee/Council Meeting Date: March 12, 2015

Agenda Section: New Business

Originating Department:

Item Number: III - B

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Meeting Schedule

Prepared by: Staff

COMMENTS:

Annually each Committee sets their meeting schedule. Currently the Environmental Committee meets the Second Thursday in March and First Thursday in April 6:00 p.m. You may want to think about meeting once in the spring and once in the fall as a set schedule and you can still meet more often if needed.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to set the Environmental Committee meetings for _____.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Results

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Participants	X	97	204	181	142	137	127	175
Materials								
Latex Paint	286 gal.	131 gal.	350 gal.	210 gal.	110 gal.	3,269 lbs	3,539 lbs	3,734 lbs.
Oil Based Paint	143 gal.	72 gal.	165 gal.	150 gal.	55 gal.	1,275 lbs.	1,226 lbs.	1,134 lbs.
Solvents	35 gal.	10 gal.	60 gal.	35 gal.	110 gal.	323 lbs.	344 lbs.	522 lbs.
Pesticides	288 lbs.	140 lbs.	133 lbs.	354 lbs.	285 lbs.	159 lbs.	184 lbs.	175 lbs.
Flammable Materials	175 lbs.	31 lbs.	1,048 lbs.	693 lbs.	225 lbs.	X	X	X
Acids	5 gal.	4 gal.	33 lbs.	72 lbs.	6 lbs.	16 lbs.	86 lbs.	44 lbs.
Bases	7 gal.	6 gal.	44 lbs.	86 lbs.	22 lbs.	56 lbs.	109 lbs.	62 lbs.
Adhesives	X	X	X	X	X	745 lbs.	368 lbs.	502 lbs.
Motor Oil	0	0	0	5 gal.	5 gal.	X	X	X
Antifreeze	0	4 gal.	7 gal.	8 gal.	10 gal.	X	X	X
Fluorescent Bulbs	650	350	1,000	597	715	446	593	1,384
Aerosols	204 lbs.	218 lbs.	301 lbs.	434 lbs.	171 lbs.	208 lbs.	X	382 lbs.
Asbestos	16 lbs.	35 lbs.	0	10 lbs.	0	X	X	X
Ballasts	0	223 lbs.	265 lbs.	79 lbs.	45 lbs.	X	X	X
Poisons	3 lbs.	X	0	1 lb.	0	X	X	X
Cylinders	13	24	2	22	2	X	X	X
Mercury	3	2	1 lb.	2 lbs.	4	X	X	X
Oxidizers	0	1 lb.	2 lbs.	6 lbs.	40	X	X	X
Dangerous When Wet	X	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.	X	X	X	X
Spontaneous Combustibles	X	X	2 lbs.	1 lb.	0	X	X	X
Other	X	X	X	X	X	X	50 lbs.	X

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What do you do with hazardous chemicals in your home?



Take advantage of the household hazardous waste collection!

Senior Citizens and disabled residents may contact the R.O.S.E. Center at 320-243-5144 for assistance.

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Items accepted include:

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Paynesville Area High School West Parking Lot

- ☺ Paints
- ☺ Automotive Chemicals
- ☺ Garden Chemicals
- ☺ Adhesives
- ☺ Cleaners
- ☺ Sealers
- ☺ Aerosols
- ☺ Poisons
- ☺ Solvents
- ☺ Roofing Tar
- ☺ Rechargeable Batteries
- ☺ Pool Chemicals
- ☺ Mothballs
- ☺ Fuels
- ☺ Fluorescent Bulbs (Household, no 8ft.)
- ☺ Mercury
- ☺ Button Batteries



Items NOT accepted include:

- ☹ Business Waste
- ☹ Agricultural Waste
- ☹ Household Garbage
- ☹ Unknowns
- ☹ Explosives
- ☹ Pharmaceutical Waste
- ☹ Medical Waste
- ☹ Car Batteries
- ☹ Appliances
- ☹ Furniture
- ☹ Tires



*Used oil (FREE) Used Oil Filters (50¢)
Antifreeze (\$1/gallon) May be taken to the
Oil Recycling Facility located at the
Paynesville Township Hall parking lot.

COMPUTERS & TVs:

COMPLETE SYSTEM (Monitor, Tower, Keyboard, Mouse) \$15 ea.
MONITORS \$5 ea. • TOWERS \$5 ea. • KEYBOARDS \$2 ea.
PRINTERS \$5 ea. • TVs \$15 ea. • CONSOLE TVs \$20 ea.

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and Stearns County Environmental Services: 1-800-450-0852

- SEE SPRING CLEANUP ON REVERSE SIDE! -

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GET RID OF YOUR JUNK

at the Paynesville Area Spring Clean-Up!



TIRES

Car \$3 [with rim \$8]
 Light Truck \$4 [with rim \$9]
 Truck \$15 [with rim \$20]
 Tractor \$35

***Used oil (FREE)**
Used Oil Filters (50¢)
Antifreeze (\$1/gallon)
 May be taken to the
 Oil Recycling Facility
 located at the Paynesville
 Township Hall parking lot.

*Acceptable Items include
 Appliances, Computers, Tires,
 Basic Trash, and Recyclables*

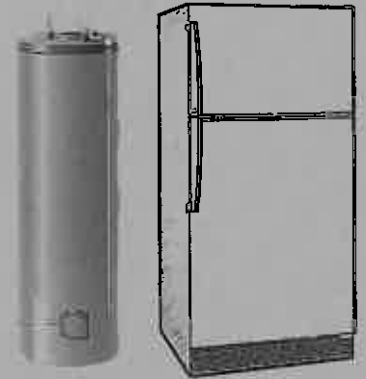
Saturday, April 26, 2014

8 - 11 a.m.

Paynesville Area Middle School South Parking Lot

APPLIANCES

Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers,
 Air Conditioners, Freezers,
 Refrigerators, Ranges,
 Dehumidifiers, Water Heaters,
 Water Softeners, Microwaves
FREE NO CHARGE



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COMPUTERS & TVs

(COMPLETE SYSTEM) \$15 each
 Includes Monitor, Tower, Keyboard, Mouse
MONITORS \$5 each
TOWERS \$5 each
KEYBOARDS \$2 each
PRINTERS \$5 each
TVs \$15 each
CONSOLE TVs \$20 each



BASIC TRASH

If it is nonrecyclable,
 nonhazardous, and is NOT
 an appliance. Items that may
 be too large for regular garbage
 container. **6¢ per pound**
 Mattress and box spring
\$5 each



Household Batteries
 (A, B, C, D, 9V & 6V Flashlight)
 Manufactured after 1991 are
 disposable in your regular
 garbage collection.
 Button Batteries are
 Household Hazardous Waste



Shredding available at the
 Paynesville Area High School
 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

CARDBOARD:

We accept flattened
 corrugated boxes, packing,
 and brown grocery bags
 Large quantities should be
 delivered to the recycling center



RECYCLABLES



SCRAP IRON:

All types of scrap steel.
 Lawn mowers must be
 drained of oil and gas.
 Bicycles must have
 tires removed.

Batteries:

ATV, car, and
 truck batteries.

NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, & OFFICE PAPER:

Newspaper includes all paper
 delivered with the paper. Must be
 contained (bagged, boxed, tied)
 Magazines, phone books,
 newspapers, and comic books.

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- SEE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION ON REVERSE SIDE! -

Could your
TRASH



Be someone else's
TREASURE?

Too busy, no storage, not enough items to have a garage sale?
Take part in

PAYNESVILLE AREA SCAVENGER DAYS

Place your items on the boulevard and passersby may scavenge through your free items.
We ask that all items be removed from the boulevard no later than Sunday, April 13th.
For more information please contact Ron Mergen at the City of Paynesville
320-243-3714 ext. 230

- All items are free/give away
- Save time, trouble, and expense to dispose of unwanted items
- Start date Friday April 11, 2014
- End date Sunday April 13, 2014
- Paynesville Area Spring Clean Up & Household Hazardous Waste Collection is on:

Saturday, April 26, 2014

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

**Paynesville Area
High School/Middle School
South & West parking lots**



Sponsored by Paynesville Environmental Committee

2014 PAYNESVILLE AREA COMPOST SITE REPORT (corrected total)

The Paynesville Area Compost Site was open:

- 30 Saturday forenoons between April 12, 2014 and November 8
- 12 Monday evenings were added this year, during the months of May, June and October
- 28 Wednesday evenings between April 23, 2014 and October 29

The compost site was closed on Wednesday evenings in November; therefore, we extended the fall Saturday hours from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. October 11, 2014 through November 8, 2014. Due to an early November snowstorm, the compost site closed one week earlier than originally scheduled.

NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED					
Year	City	Township	Other	Total	Total Money Received
2014	157	203	15	375 (9 commercial)	\$5,460.00
2013	221	154	28	403 (10 commercial)	\$4,930.00
2012	207	143	21	371 (8 commercial)	\$4,510.00
2011	207	118	23	348 (6 commercial)	\$4,090.00
2010	217	149	18	384 (6 commercial)	\$4,470.00
2009	577	400	67	1,044	\$0.00
2008	552	373	62	987	\$0.00
2007	552	360	47	959	\$0.00
2006	531	336	42	909	\$0.00
2005	523	325	43	891	\$0.00
2004	522	288	36	846	\$0.00

USAGE NUMBERS				
Year	City	Township	Other	Total
2014	1,386	942	14	2,342
2013	1,354	935	9	2,298
2012	1,306	856	7	2,169
2011	1,376	856	23	2,255
2010	1,318	871	18	2,207
2009	1,758	994	12	2,764
2008	1,718	897	24	2,639
2007	1,730	775	69	2,574
2006	1,563	779	80	2,422
2005	1,784	767	79	2,630
2004	1,759	700	45	2,504

Year	Used Site Without Paying	Never Paid
2014	7	2
2013	25	10
2012	13	6
2011	22	7
2010	30	12

**AGREEMENT FOR CONTRIBUTION
TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE AT THE TOWNSHIP ICE ARENA,
FOR COMPENSATION OF THE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FOR
SERVICES AT THE COMPOST SITE, FOR THE
PROVIDING OF SERVICES TO THE CITY OF PAYNESVILLE AND
FOR OPEN ICE TIME**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the City of Paynesville, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Paynesville Township, hereinafter referred to as the "Township", and River Lakes, hereinafter referred to as "River Lakes".

WHEREAS, the City and the Township are municipal corporations under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and River Lakes is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains a compost site which is used on a fee basis by residents of both the City and the Township; and

WHEREAS, River Lakes is willing to provide workers at the compost site in connection with the normal operation of the compost site, who will manage the site and collect user fees and to turn proceeds of such user fees over to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1) The first Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) from compost site fees paid by residential and commercial users will be paid by the City to River Lakes in exchange for services which they provide at the compost site.

2) In exchange for the Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$6,500.00) payment from the City of Paynesville, River Lakes agrees to provide the City with

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reliable workers for the compost site who will perform all of the functions related to the operation of the compost site as outlined on Exhibit A, and in addition thereto, will collect the compost fees from users and turn all such funds over to the City of Paynesville.

3) Any compost site fees in excess of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) will be the property of and will be retained by the City. If compost site fees fall short of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00), the difference between the fees collected and Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) will be paid to River Lakes 62% by the City and 38% by the Township.

4) The City will pay to the Township as and for a contribution to the administrative expense of operating the ice arena the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) for the 2015-2016 ice skating season.

5) The Township and River Lakes will provide the City with 52 hours of open ice skating time on Sundays from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. from October 17, 2014 through February 20, 2015.

6) This Agreement shall remain in effect through the end of the 2015-2016 ice skating season. Prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the parties agree to begin discussions and to negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement for the 2016-2017 ice skating season, or such other longer term as the parties may agree upon.

DATED: _____

CITY OF PAYNESVILLE

By: _____
Its:

By: _____
Its:

DATED: _____

PAYNESVILLE TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Its:

By: _____
Its:

DATED: _____

RIVER LAKES

By: _____
Its:

By: _____
Its:

ATTACHMENT "A"

- The Association must assign the City one contact person for the compost site; that person will also serve on the Environmental Committee and attend the Committee meetings.
- Compost Site will be manned for the following dates and times:
 - Compost Site Opens Saturday, April 18, 2015 and remains open each Monday (for the months of May, June & October), Wednesday (for the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, and October) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk whichever is first and every Saturday thereafter from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Compost Site will be closed Wednesday, June 10, 2015 for Town & Country Days and Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day.
 - Extended Compost Site Hours Start Saturday October 10, 2015 with hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. through November 14, 2015.
 - No Wednesday compost hours starting November 1, 2015.
 - Compost Site closes after Saturday November 14, 2015.
- All fees collected at the compost site will be turned into the Liquor Store after each shift along with the binder and bin.
- All fees and numbers issued must balance. Any short fall in fees collected will be the responsibility of the Association.
- All checks are to be made to the City of Paynesville.
- Any person using the site, but has not paid will sign a register stating that he/she received a notice of the \$10.00 fee to be paid at the next visit.
- All users will be issued a new permit number once paid and any old permit numbers are no longer valid.
- Advertising of the permit fee will be the responsibility of the City.
- Reminder flyers/handouts of the \$10.00 fee to be distributed at the site will be the responsibility of City.
- The Association will make every effort to inspect each load of material that arrives at the site for garbage and non compostable materials.
- The Association will make every effort to assist senior citizens with their compost.
- The Association is responsible for inspecting the site before and after each shift for garbage. If garbage is found it needs to be picked up and put in the appropriate receptacles.



MEMBER OF
LIVING AT HOME
NETWORK

JAN 28 2015

R.O.S.E. Center

PAYNESVILLE AREA LIVING AT HOME BLOCK NURSE PROGRAM
1105 W Main St.
Paynesville, MN

Inez Jones: Program Director
Bonnie Schwartz: Service Coordinator
Phone: 320-243-5144
Fax: 320-243-5146
E-Mail: paynesvillerosecenter@gmail.com

Dear Members of the Paynesville City Council:

On behalf of the ROSE Center Board of Directors I would like to request that you would please waive the compost site key fee for 2015. We currently provide lawn services for numerous seniors who fall below the poverty level in the city of Paynesville and surrounding townships. As part of this lawn service, we are often requested to transport leaves, brush and grass clippings to the compost for them.

The ROSE Center continues to not receive any funding for our lawn services but the board of directors has decided to continue to provide these services as long as they do not provide an economic hardship to the program itself. Allowing our hardworking volunteers an opportunity to use the compost site at their convenience rather than only during regular operating hours is so very helpful to ensuring the services can be provided. In addition, not having to pay \$100.00 fee for the compost site key is truly helpful to our program.

Please consider our request to waive this fee for 2015.



Inez Jones
ROSE Center Director



Paynesville Area Public Schools

Paynesville, MN 56362

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Date: May 2, 2014

To: Paynesville City Council

From: Robert Huot, Superintendent Paynesville Area Schools

Re: Waiver of compost fee

I am requesting the Paynesville City Council waive the compost fee this year for District 741. The Paynesville Area School District maintains a large number of the fields/facilities the community members use during the school year which saves the City of Paynesville from either establishing or maintaining those type of fields/facilities. The City and District have also worked in partnership on a number of projects. Our budget is extremely tight for the 2014-2015 school year and I am asking the City to waive the fee for use of the compost site.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Robert Huot
Superintendent, Paynesville Area Schools

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REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION

*For
Environmental
Committee*

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL NAME: City Council

Committee/Council Meeting Date: July 28, 2014

Agenda Section: Old Business

Originating Department: Administration

Item Number: VII – E

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Commercial Compost Site Key Fee Waiver Request – Paynesville Area Schools

Prepared by: Staff

COMMENTS:

This was tabled from the May 12, 2014 City Council meeting. Please review the commercial compost site key fee waiver request submitted by the Paynesville Area Schools. The current commercial compost site key fee is \$200.00 (this allows for unlimited use of the site). The current residential compost key fee is \$10.00 (this allows for the use of the site during manned hours). The School District used the site during regular manned hours on April 26, 2014 four times (leaves and brush) and was not charged.

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to waive/not waive the commercial compost site key fee of \$200.00 for the Paynesville Area Schools.

Question

1. I enjoy wood fires within the city limits of Paynesville.	137
2. Wood fires within the city limits of Paynesville do not bother me.	39
3. I do not like wood fires in the city limits of Paynesville.	3
4. I have allergies/emphysema/breathing difficulties and/or for other reasons strongly disapprove wood fires within the city limits of Paynesville.	6
5. I would support a city ordinance against wood fires within the city limits of Paynesville.	11

No leaf burning please.

I love the smell of wood burning.

It's a great time to spend with the neighbors.

Our family and our neighbor enjoy this friendly outdoor activity usually once per week. 'Smores and fellowship would be sorely missed if an ordinance prohibits this family/neighborhood affair.

Biggest offender is Paynesville Green house. Burning brush, limbs, ect outside - Maywood Ave residence and neighbors can't even have windows open when burning

My neighbor had a fire ring and uses as a fire pit to burn whatever. It is very annoying

My wife, Brenda, does NOT like wood fires in town. Makes for interesting conversations. (from a gentleman who is for in town fires)

Please not another ordinance! There are enough now!

Please use common sense here. Try to keep local Government from being too intrusive. Relaxing with friends and family around a camp fire should never be against the law. We have a neighbor or two that burn garbage and dislike our house smelling like smoke inside. Have allergies and really dislike not being able to open windows especially in the spring and fall.

I support fire in Paynesville. I support camp fires in town. Many people have fire pits in town. I enjoy sitting by a fire. As long as we are adults and responsible and have water by the fire and having it in a fire pit and not windy outside. I believe it safe to have a fire to enjoy.

"Fire pits – rarely 24-7! After started smoke is gone! One who does not like it has the option of going inside and close windows!

Homes that burn wood- Not everyone likes the smell of that. Go inside and close windows.

Seems like more and more things are being taken away things that do not hurt us.

How about surveys on – following up on barking dogs. Can close windows and at 12:00am that doesn't help.

Gold Carts not licensed! Years ago it was said they could go on public streets if going to the golf course. That's a joke. They are all over all the time, and I see them with teen age kids driving with sm. Children. NO SEATBELTS! God forbid it is in a accident with a motor vehicle! Can you imagine the injury risk AND the insurance upgrade???

How about taking a survey on who likes looking at non kept up homes in this town? One across the elementary school on the corner of Mill and Stearns (blue house)! One on Minnesota (vander) What a down grade to the City. Why don't they have to keep the propertys up when we do??

So there IS an option for people who don't like an occasional fire ring family get together, many other surveys with reason should go out."

"Hi Everyone, I would like to submit my position on fires in town.

I would like to see fires banned in town. The reason is people don't know what kind of wood to burn. They seem to be burning wet wood and or putting so much on that it creates a very smoky fire and that just hangs in the air. This means we cannot take advantage of those cool nights and shutdown our A.C. I also would like to see an ordinance against excessive smoke from chimneys. We live on Maywood Avenue and the smoke coming from the greenhouse is extremely excessive. We cannot open our windows at any time when they are burning. The smoke is just way to thick and it literally burns our eyes. I don't want to see people forced out of business but I do think their are better options to the burning, maybe a high efficient wood furnace that burns the smoke in a secondary fire. The other option is don't pack it so full of wood that it just smolders all night. Don't get me wrong, I would love to have a nice fire at night too. But, when people have to make changes because you're smoking them out then you are doing something wrong.

You have it on topic that has been talked about a lot in our household. In fact, we have talked about moving many times because of this issue. What keeps us here is that we really like this community, but this issue has us considering other options. I really appreciate the question you have raised and for listening to my opinion. This a great community and I really enjoy living here despite the issues. Have a great day:) Please feel free to contact me if you would like. It would be great to find a solution to satisfy all without taking anything away from people."

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*"10:00 pm is hardly dark. Time would be better spent enforcing the outright garbage being burned by some city residents... In their fire pits!"
"We do not have Air conditioning and when I smell smoke I check to make sure ours or our neighbor's house is not burning down. Very scary. Our house is often filled with smoke from fire pits. Have to close the windows when it's very hot. Very inconvenient."*

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"I strongly recommend an ordinance against wood fires within city limits. I'm much affected—allergies—house has no air conditioner we
DEPEND on FRESH AIR to cool house during summer."