

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

JULY 21, 2011

Chairman Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Gene Beavers, Wilfred Butkofski, Harry Thielen, and Mike Jensen. Also present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Jeff Bertram, West Central Sanitation.

Motion was made by Beavers to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

SPRING CLEAN UP/HHW COLLECTION

Members reviewed the clean up results noting that overall it went very well and it was suggested that the City look into changing the date to June next year to accommodate the lake residents next year. This would need to be coordinated with the County. Also discussed was to reduce the number of flyers that need to be posted.

COMPOST SITE

It was noted that the new area is in use and the edge will be seeded this fall and gates and fencing are yet to be determined. It was also noted that there have been some issues with the Hockey Association getting the permits and money in.

OIL DEPOT REPORT

Thielen reported on the tabulated results of the oil filters, used oil, and antifreeze deposited over the years. The member commented that this is a very worthwhile expense as it keeps all these items out of our rivers, ditches, and lakes.

REFUSE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The contract was reviewed noting the recommended changes. The two main changes are an ordinance change which defines the term residential as all single family homes, duplexes, three-plexes, townhomes, and row house. The second area is where a house is occupied, the term seasonal is removed, and a drive by fee is used. Language was also inserted where the Council may waive the fee.

After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Beavers to change the ordinance and contract and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Aas and unanimously carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.