

**Minutes of Committee #4
Recycling/Computerization/Building/Intergovernmental Services
Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

Present: Greg Dachel, Dan Elsass, Greg Hoffman, Ralph Anderl, Bob Hoekstra, Wayne Nehring, Tom Larson, Glen Zwiefelhofer, Renee Yohnk, Jim Paterick.

The Meeting was called to order at 08:10 pm.

1. Discussion about window and air-flow renovations to City Hall.

Discussed plans to for hall fans and to put a window in the second floor stairwell to create better air circulation in the hot summer months. Glen noted it would be just under \$900 for pedestal fans and the work is being done within the allowed budget.

No Action taken.

2. Preliminary report on proposals to establish workable City web-site from staff Computer & Technology Committee.

The Technology Committee was asked to make recommendations on what they would like the look and feel of the City's website to be. They reviewed a number of government web sites and liked some features from both Rice Lake and Menominee. The want to have the site not look cluttered, have drop downs, have some artwork, and links to economic development. Ongoing content would be the responsibility of each department to maintain. The county's web person may be able to do much of the work under our agreement but we may also need to go outside for some aspects of the site.

No Action taken.

3. Update on Fiber Optic or other connection to the County Courthouse for program sharing purposes.

Waiting on an updated quote for the fiber optics. The committee asked that the City and County try to connect across their existing internet connections by creating a vpn tunnel between the PIX's. This experiment will help tell if the fiber is needed short term.

No action taken.

4. Discussion about Mayor's plan to establish pilot Wi-Fi connections with police and fire mobile consoles or laptops in vehicles.

The Mayor has asked to revisit the use of PC's in the emergency vehicles. The Fire and Police talked about the use of the "Tough Book PCs" which are extremely durable. The fire department could use the PCs to house building preplans for fighting a fire. Currently approximately 5000 houses in CF and would have to be loaded into the database. Likewise having information in the police squad car would be useful to get instant access (wireless) and to get paperwork done quicker and more accurately. There was some concern on the method of wireless because the Police would not be able to get connected to the State's crime investigation and driver license records with normal internet type access. There was also still some questions and unknowns about how to integrate this into the existing systems like 911 and police/fire dispatch without encryption for security.

Motion: Greg H /Ralph all voted aye to continue to further investigate costs and benefits to this program.

5. Action on City's need to replace its AS 400 Server either through lease-purchase or 2007 purchase.

Discussed various options to fix or replace the City's AS400 server. The City did explore going to a lease to purchase of a new AS400 system but the costs appear to be prohibitive over the long term. It was suggested that the City look at switching platforms to Windows 2003 which may be more pervasive in today's market.

Motion: Greg H /Ralph all voted aye to investigate various options such as replacing a AS400, temporarily fixing the current AS400 system, or going to a Windows 2003 box.

6. Recommendation about how City will advertise the new arrangement with Town of LaFayette to drop off large tree and brush and large metal items at Town Center this Spring.

Renee from the County Recycling reported that LaFayette would take the larger branches, larger cardboard, appliances, etc... under our new agreement. Chippewa Falls residences would just have to sign in when dropping off material as proof of a residence. LaFayette recycling area would be open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

NormaCycle did raise the issue that they have been taking larger cardboard and metals. They also have been taking appliances for a small fee. The committee was unaware that they would do this because it's outside of what is expected by contract.

Renee is looking at putting a news release in the paper and possibly updating the recycling brochure.

Motion: Greg H /Greg D all voted aye to have a press release to have the opportunity to publicize use LaFayette recycling and that Normacycle would be willing to take larger cardboard or metal items.

7. Presentation by James Paterick, NormaCycle, on future improvements to City Recycling Program.

Jim talked about things he felt the City could do to improve recycling such as go to a different cart system to make it easier for elderly and handicap residence to move there recycling to the curb (wheeled system), putting in one large cart system for apartment buildings & 4+ rental units, and put some financial responsibility on renters who keep the recycle bins.

These were all great suggestions and the committee will take these into consideration when working on the next contract renewal process.

No Motion Made.

8. Adjournment.

Motion. Greg H/Ralph all voting aye to adjourn at 10:01 pm.

**Minutes submitted by
Greg Dachel, Committee Chair.**