

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
GreenStep Committee Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
DATE: October 10, 2018  
RE: Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2018

The La Crescent GreenStep Committee met at 4:30 pm, on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, in the conference room at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Brian Krenz, Reid Smith, John Lampert, Angie Boettcher, Janelle Ramaker, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the members present to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 GreenStep meeting as presented.
2. An update was provided regarding the CERT's seed grant project. The project is approximately 50% complete, with the balance of the project to be completed by the end of 2018.
3. The committee was informed of items in the proposed 2019 City general fund budget, including funding for a contracted sustainability coordinators position and participation in the Regional Blufflands Coalition.
4. Tree City USA designation for 2018 will be completed and submitted, and the proposed 2019 Arbor Day tree planting project was reviewed with the committee.
5. The pollinator resolution was reviewed. It was agreed that the City would inventory the chemicals that are used in both the maintenance department and the golf course, with this information to be presented at a future greenstep meeting.
6. The committee was informed that the City Council approved the agreement with Ideal Energies to install solar at four City buildings. An update was provided regarding the City's subscription to the Rollingstone community solar garden, with that facility to be in operation by May of 2019.
7. Information was provided regarding the potential for the school district to install solar on school facilities.
8. The committee discussed the solar thermal project that is planned for the aquatic center in 2019, and the b-3 bench marking data for utility usage at City buildings.
9. It was agreed that the following items would be added to the agenda for a greenstep meeting in November: school districts greenteam, PACE funding, recycling, additional pollinator areas, and the drive electric corridor.
10. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.