City of Afton

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

AFTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3033 St. Croix Trail South
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
At 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – March 16, 2016 Council Work Session

4. **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

   A. Meet with the Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) to discuss the NRGC's work plan for 2016.

5. **ADJOURN**

A quorum of the City Council or Other Commissions may be present to receive information at, but not limited to, any of the following meetings: Planning Commission; the Public Works Committee; Parks Committee; Design Review and Heritage Preservation Commission; Lower St. Croix Cable Commission; LSCWMO; MSCWMO; I-94 Corridor Coalition and the 5-City Mayor's Alliance.

City of Afton
Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee

First Year Summary
2015

Committee Members: Mayor Richard Bend, Jill Chezik (Chair), Perry Eggers, Mark Have, Keith Hoffman, Jack Kollmer (Vice-Chair), Sondra Larson (Secretary), Susan Windsor

The Natural Resources and Groundwater Committee (NRGC) was established by Afton's City Council. The first meeting was held on April 22, 2015; monthly meetings were held thereafter. Being a new committee, time was needed for committee members to become familiar with the workings of the City of Afton as well as other resources and organizations that impact Afton.

So far, the NRGC has:

- Written and published two education articles in the City of Afton Newsletter. The first was how to control invasive plant species, published in the Nov., 2015 newsletter. The second was how the Large Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (LSTS) for the Old Village works; published in the Dec., 2015 newsletter.
- Assigned committee members to attend meetings of the following natural resources and groundwater management organizations:
  - Valley Branch Watershed District (Mark Have)
  - Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization (Sondra Larson)
  - South Washington Watershed District, Citizen Advisory Committee (Jill Chezik)
  - Washington County Water Consortium (Keith Hoffman and Perry Eggers)
  - Washington Conservation District (Susan Windsor)

Committee members attended meetings and workshops, reporting back to the NRGC pertinent information; especially as it relates to Afton.

Ideas for 2016

- Water quality well testing program - demonstrate the positive effect of the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) on the quality of the well water within the Old Village. Also, test individual well water throughout the entire city to insure the overall health and welfare of Afton residents.
- The committee could recommend that park dedication for large parcels be strategically aligned with wildlife corridors or other conservation goals as parcels become available. Park dedication fee could be taken as a percentage of land titled to Afton rather than taking cash, as is often done now.

- Recommend conservation farming practices, especially as related to erosion and chemical groundwater contamination for educational purposes.

Submitted by Jill Chezik