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A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY, IDENTIFYING THE CITY COUNCIL'S GOALS REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING CITY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES RELATED TO RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY.

WHEREAS, the City of Independence owns and operates its own electric utility; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Independence owns and operates facilities which consume significant amounts of electric energy, including the Rock Creek Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant, the Independence Events Center and various other public buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the City has implemented programs to reduce the need for generation of electric energy, such as the conversion of the City's streetlamps to Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs); and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set a goal to have 10% of the electric energy provided by the City's electric utility supplied from sources that are not carbon-based (i.e. coal and natural gas) by the year 2018, which goal conforms to the Renewable Portfolio Standard in Missouri for Investor-Owned Utilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to increase that goal to 15% by the year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the City plans to remodel an office building for the electric utility's administrative offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to assure the design of the remodeled electric utility office building incorporates features and designs to minimize energy use and utilize renewable energy options to supplement the power needs of the building.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to develop and present to the City Council a feasibility study to determine the practicality and economics of the use of renewable energy options such as solar, wind and geo-thermal at City-owned facilities to help achieve the stated renewable energy goal.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to develop and present to the City Council a study to evaluate potential incentives and sustainable programs which can be provided to customers for the use of renewable energy options.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to submit status reports regarding the projects identified in Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 as soon as practical, with a preliminary report by November 30, 2014, and further report the status of the projects on a regular basis to the City Council.

SECTION 5. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to end production of energy at the Missouri City power plant by January 31, 2016 in compliance with the Industrial Boiler MACT rule.

SECTION 6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to produce a report outlining the options and associated estimated costs for the disposition of the Missouri City Power Plant, ranging from retirement to demolition by July, 2015.

SECTION 7. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cease the use of coal as a fuel source at the Blue Valley Power Plant by January 2016.

SECTION 8. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to do a rate study of electric rates for residential, commercial and industrial customer classes including provisions to incorporate renewable energy programs identified by the study included in Section 3 of this Resolution and report back to the City Council by May 2015.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager