

**MINUTES
FAIRVIEW, TEXAS
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015**

Chairman Paul Westbrook called the meeting to order. Committee members present were Roger Taylor, Steven Peacock, and Gary Anderson. Committee members absent were Rick Zampino, Gary Carter, and Ginger Gouvion. Staff member present was Adam Wilbourn, Assistant to the Town Manager.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Consider and take action regarding minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting.**

The committee tabled this item for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 3. Received an update regarding water conservation efforts, and take any necessary action.**

Committee member Roger Taylor discussed Watersense requirements, and the handouts and Watersense inspection checklists used by other cities that he provided to the committee. The committee stated that it would be nice if the planning and engineering departments could take a look at the Watersense requirements to see if they conflict with any existing town requirements.

The committee tabled this item for the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- 4. Discussion regarding road maintenance related to the treatment of grasses and weeds along the edge of certain town roads, and take any necessary action.**

Chairman Paul Westbrook shared his thoughts about the town's current road maintenance practice of spraying and killing grass along the edge of roads, and discussed the information he previously provided to the committee. Westbrook stated that he opposed the killing of grass along the edge of roadways and the herbicide used by the town for this purpose, and that he didn't believe this practice was of value to the town.

Staff member Adam Wilbourn noted that the town's public works manager stated that this type of road maintenance is common practice and that the town has previously lost two feet or more of our roads over the years due to the encroachment of grasses onto and underneath the pavement. Wilbourn also noted that the town over the last couple of years has issued bonds for road reconstruction projects and that it was important that we maintain them to extend

their useful life and to mitigate unnecessary expenses for major repairs. Wilbourn told the committee that the public works manager stated that it roughly costs the town fifteen hundred dollars annually to conduct this road maintenance.

Wilbourn also discussed documents and studies he provided to the committee that were authored and conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC), Oregon State University, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Wilbourn also shared comments provided by the town's public works manager about the herbicide that is used and the reasons for this type of maintenance. The information Wilbourn provided the committee indicated that the main ingredient Glyphosate has little to no impact on the environment and would have no adverse effect on animals or humans that come into contact with it in this type of application. Committee member Sam Peacock concurred with Wilbourn's comments and discussed in detail what the active ingredient Glyphosate is and what it does.

Westbrook stated that he was still in opposition to this method of road maintenance and felt like it was unnecessary to kill the grasses along the edge of our roads.

The committee tabled this item for the next regularly scheduled meeting and requested that the public works manager attend.

5. Citizen Input

None

6. Receive reports from Staff about items of community interest.

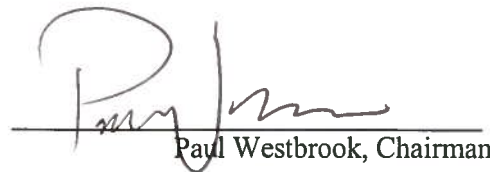
None

7. Adjourn (8:05 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Wilbourn
Assistant to the Town Manager



Paul Westbrook, Chairman