RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE GOAL OF OBTAINING 25 PERCENT OF ENERGY AND FUEL NEEDS BY 2025 FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO COMPLETE AN ENERGY AUDIT OF AND ENERGY PLAN FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence was created in 2007 with the mission of advancing a State vision for energy independence by generating 25 percent of Wisconsin's power and 25 percent of Wisconsin's transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025; and

WHEREAS, in April 2008, the City Manager established an internal Green Team to conduct an initial sustainability audit of the City's internal operations, procedures, and practices and to develop potential operational strategies for increasing energy independence and enhancing efforts to address sustainability concerns; and

WHEREAS, the July 2008 Clear Vision Eau Claire Stakeholder Report recommends that local government and community organizations in the Eau Claire area pursue efforts to become environmentally sustainable communities, and community task forces on sustainability have been formed to that end; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, the City Council of Eau Claire approved a resolution providing for the revision of the City's Comprehensive Plan to address issues regarding community sustainability, and a recommended amendment to add a chapter on sustainability that addresses community renewable energy goals is anticipated to be brought forward for final approval in the first quarter of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is participating in the Sustainable Community Initiative of the International City/County Management Association to encourage maximum use of sustainable practices such as energy conservation, use of fuel efficient or alternative fuel cars and increasing our use of renewable energy resources to meet local government energy needs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Eau Claire that the City Council does hereby endorse the goal of state energy independence stated in the State of Wisconsin Executive Order #192 relating to the creation of the State Office of Energy Independence and pledges the commitment of the City of Eau Claire to work in collaboration with Wisconsin state agencies, citizens, industries and community organizations to achieve the State's energy independence goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Eau Claire hereby states its intent of becoming an Energy Independent Community and pledging to support Wisconsin's vision for energy independence by generating 25 percent of electricity and 25 percent of transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025; capturing 10 percent of the emerging bio-industry and renewable energy market by 2030, and leading the nation in making clean energy more affordable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the State Office of Energy Independence to participate in a statewide pilot program to complete an energy audit of and energy plan for facilities, infrastructure and fleet vehicles.

Adopted,

November 25, 2008

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Motion to adopt said resolution:

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Seconded by:

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