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City of Monona Adopts Clean Energy Resolution, Becomes 5th City in Wisconsin to Seek 100% Clean Energy

Monona, WI – On Monday, March 4, the Monona City Council committed to clean energy by adopting a resolution to address climate change through 100% clean energy and resilience. The resolution acknowledges the impact of climate change on Monona residents and businesses and identifies the City’s leadership role in implementing renewable energy technologies and other sustainability practices.

The resolution outlines the City’s renewable energy goals in detail and categorizes them by municipal goals and community-wide goals. The municipal goals call for the City to fulfill 100% of its electricity demands for city operations (including buildings and infrastructure) from renewable energy by 2030 and 100% of its other energy demands (including heat sources and fueling vehicles) from renewables by 2040. The community-wide goals include meeting 100% of the community’s electricity demands from renewable energy by 2040 and 100% of its other energy demands from renewables by 2050.

The resolution builds off the City’s substantial progress in sustainability and renewable energy practices, including: becoming an Energy Independent Community in 2012 with the goal of generating 25% of its energy from renewable energy sources by 2025 (the City is presently at 20% for 2018); installing solar energy panels on four of its municipal buildings; and adopting a comprehensive sustainability plan to help guide sustainable choices for both municipal and community-wide operations.

During the City Council’s discussions of the resolution, Alderperson Nancy Moore said that *“The goals in the resolution will be accomplished best by combining energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and will require that everyone at the City and in the community work together.”*

Monona now joins Madison, Eau Claire, Middleton, and Fitchburg as the 5th city to formally approve a 100% renewable energy resolution.

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