

**CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
NOVEMBER 18, 2009 HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the health committee was held, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Municipal Building, 800 Borner Street, Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to Order: Chairman Holst called the meeting to order. Members present were Marissa Holst and Clair Eaton. Julie Arndtson was excused. Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff.

Eaton/Holst motion to approve the minutes for July 27, 2009 passed without a negative voice vote.

Jeff Lakela a resident of the City of Prescott was present to express his concerns regarding air quality especially in the area of JDL Wood Products on Canton Street north of Hwy 10 and TRIO Industries on Canton Street south of Hwy 10. Mr. Lakela stated that he moved to Prescott in 2004 and is a runner and has noticed that these businesses have wood burning furnaces and that the smoke and odor that comes from them at times create bad air quality. Mr. Lakela stated that he had also spoke with someone who lived in the mobile home park and they said that TRIO can cause a lot of smoke and odor.

Jayne Brand, Zoning Administrator stated that the city does not have an ordinance that currently regulates wood burning furnaces. Our ordinances regulate burning in an incinerator and open burning. The county was contacted but they also do not have an ordinance to regulate wood burning furnaces. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was also contacted and they regulate wood burning furnaces that generate 1,000,000 BTU per hour. The committee was informed that the Fire Chief had also been contacted and upon their inspections they have only seen clean wood being burned. The city has two recommendations which they can follow. One would be to have the fire department do an inspection when the furnace is burning to make sure that they are only burning clean dry wood. The second recommendation would be to do a random sample of people that live and work in the area regarding the odor. If 60% of the people state that there is an odor then the city would need to address this with the company. Mr. Lakela asked if there was any interest in banning wood burning furnaces completely and he was told that they were not at this time.

The Health Committee recommendation is to have the Prescott Fire Department inspect each of the companies, JDL Wood Products and TRIO Industries when they are burning in their wood burning furnace to see what is being burnt. The committee also agreed to keep Mr. Lakela in the loop as to what is happening.

Eaton/Holst motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne M. Brand

