

**MINUTES**  
**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MAY 3, 2018 - 11:30 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alicia Rodriguez, Christina Williams, Patty Overman,  
Andrew Whitehead

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stephen Fuller, Ryan Bennett, Steven Kirby

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Anne Phillips, Recycling Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services  
Byron Wilcox, Midwest Fibre Sales  
Trinke Vaughan, *Owens Corning-Thermafiber*

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**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Overman called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2018 MINUTES**

Ms. Overman asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2018.

**MR. WHITEHEAD MOVED, SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2018 MEETING BE APPROVED. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. RODRIGUEZ, MS. WILLIAMS, MS. OVERMAN AND MR. WHITEHEAD VOTING "AYE" (4 IN FAVOR, 3 ABSENT, AND -0- ABSTENTIONS)**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Trinke Vaughan, Environmental and Safety Lead with Owens Corning-Thermafiber was the guest speaker. Ms. Vaughan stated that the plant manufactures mineral wool insulation---simply put---from processing rocks! She said the company decided to locate in Joplin due to rail transport, cost of living, and it is an industry friendly area. She shared her challenges with certain waste streams.

**b.** Ms. Phillips explained the upcoming annual Tire Drop Off co-sponsored by Empire District Liberty Utilities will be on May 4 and 5, 2018.

**c.** Ms. Phillips explained the proposed curbside recycling education campaign by North and South Middle School students as presented at April 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. Ms. Phillips stated that there are currently 1,410 curbside recycling customers---an all time high! Ms. Fagan said the contamination of recyclables in general has become an issue with the China market and forces the dollar value downward. Mixed paper is currently being blocked by China. Republic Services was paying Triple R Recycling \$30 per ton to process the curbside recycling items, but are now paying \$90 per ton due to the lower value of recyclables at market.

b. Ms. Phillips stated that there are two vacant commission seats, one for industrial, and one for commercial/retail. It is up to the City Council to determine if applicants meet the category classifications.

**THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS**

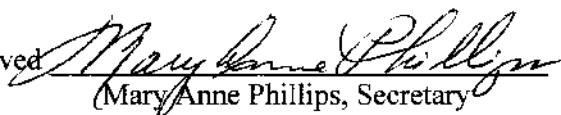
**SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

**MR. WHITEHEAD MOVED, SECONDED BY MS. WILLIAMS, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH MS. RODRIGUEZ, MS. WILLIAMS, MS. OVERMAN, AND MR. WHITEHEAD VOTING "AYE" (4 IN FAVOR, 3 ABSENT, AND -0- ABSTENTIONS).**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved   
Patty Overman, Chairperson

Approved   
Mary Anne Phillips, Secretary