

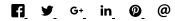
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EDITOR'S PICK

City contemplates moving forward with solar

Council to vote on hiring consultant, issuing request for proposals

Mitchell Kirk Staff reporter Feb 1, 2018



Logansport officials will vote next week on hiring a consultant to assist with a plan to develop a solar field on the city's west side.

Since last year, a committee of Logansport and Logansport Municipal Utilities leaders has been contemplating bringing a solar park capable of generating about 2 megawatts on about 9 acres at 1 General Street, a project that's estimated to cost about \$3.5 million. The city owns the property, which is where a former Trelleborg Automotive USA Inc. plant stood before being demolished in 2012.

City Councilman Dave Morris, a member of that committee, briefed council members at a council finance committee meeting on Jan. 29. The solar committee wants to issue a request for proposals for the project, he said. It would require a maximum of \$10,000 to hire a consultant to draft the request, review submitted proposals and make a recommendation, Morris continued.

The committee already has a request for proposals that the desired consultant has drafted that LMU Superintendent Paul Hartman is reviewing, Morris said.

Morris said by phone Thursday that McCullough Research out of Portland, Oregon is the firm the committee wants to hire to assist with the solar project.

Council members at the Jan. 29 finance committee meeting agreed to vote on allocating the \$10,000 maximum from the city's county economic development income tax fund.

Morris said by phone that the council will have its first vote on the expenditure at its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 in the Council Chambers on the third floor of the City Building, 601 E. Broadway. Council members will vote for a second and final time on the expenditure at their March 5 meeting, Morris said.

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IF YOU GO

WHAT: Logansport City Council meeting

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5

WHERE: Council Chambers on third floor of City Building, 601 E. Broadway.

WHY: The council will vote on hiring a consultant to help with a proposed solar park project

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