



Board of Aldermen - Work Session Agenda

February 2, 2021

6:30 p.m. – City Hall *Via Videoconference*****

NOTICE: *Due to the Health Officer's orders for safety, public meetings and public comment during public meetings will require modification. The City of Smithville is committed to transparent public meetings and will continue this commitment during the COVID-19 crisis. Anyone who wishes to view the meeting may do so in real time as it will be streamed live on the city's FaceBook page through FaceBook Live. Attendance in person by members of the public will not be permitted.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Discussion of the Solid Waste Contract Renewal Process**
- 3. Adjourn**

Agenda Item # 2 – Discussion of the Solid Waste Contract Renewal Process



STAFF

REPORT

Date: 01/20/2021
Prepared By: Chuck Soules, Public Works Director
Subject: Solid Waste Services

In 2016 the City of Smithville established a Steering Committee to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan ([attached](#)). The plan was presented to the Board on May 17, 2016 however was never formally adopted. The Plan established several goals including:

- Identifying existing solid waste disposal systems
- A 40% reduction in solid waste through recycling or other diversion methods
- Education program
- Minimization of HHW (household hazardous waste)
- Provisions for disposal of compostable materials

Missouri Law has provisions that communities develop a Solid Waste Management Plan (<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=260.220&bid=13889&hl=>) but that was challenged as an unfunded mandate and has not been required. The City currently operates under the MARC umbrella for solid waste planning, education, and programs.

In 2016 the City solicited proposals for residential solid waste collection ([attached](#)). WCA was awarded the contract beginning in 2017 and ending March 31, 2022. The contract is also [attached](#). WCA provides solid waste collection services consisting of:

- Weekly collection of MSW (municipal solid waste)
- Weekly collection of recyclable materials
- Compostable material collection which is provided weekly and seasonally
- Bulky item pickup 2 times per year

The City has 3,621 residential solid waste accounts. The current cost the City pays to WCA is \$19.51 per household (we collect \$19.90 per household, the additional cost covers city participation in the household hazardous waste program through MARC).

WCA has provided a good service and is responsive to customer calls. Areas for improvement in the overall solid waste collection services:

- More specific usage totals for the City of Smithville. Current reporting provides no historical information and totals for solid waste, recycling, composting and bulk pick up (only annual MSW and Recycling totals).
- Tire pick up / disposal
- Incentive to recycle could include:
 - o Additional cost for additional MSW cart
 - o No additional cost for recycle cart
- Educational component – Periodic reminder of materials acceptable for recycling
 - o Composting and mulching information
 - o Promotion of drop off sites and glass recycling
 - o HHW – What it is and what to do with these products
- E-Waste - Electronics recycling education / events – TV's / Computers
- Paper Shredding

As previously noted, the current contract with WCA (GFL) expires March 31, 2022. The City must provide notice of a change in the service provider six months prior to expiration of the contract.

Staff requests direction from the Board regarding the process to review/renew the solid waste services contract. Issues for consideration/direction include:

- Does the Board wish to initiate review of the services provided to identify desired changes?
- Does the Board wish to enter into discussions with WCA to renew or extend the contract or put out to bid provision of trash services? (If a bid is desired, staff will notify WCA of this intent in order to comply with the six-month notification required in the contract.)

Attachments:

[2016 Solid Waste Management Plan](#)

[RFP 16-18 Residential Solid Waste Collection Services](#)

[2016 Contract for Residential Solid Waste Collection Services](#)