

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016.

Mayor William Ehinger called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor William Ehinger, Council Members Kim Ervans, Jim Hasty, Denise Lawrence, Dave Lucas (arrived at 12:15), Tim Schaiberger, and Rusty Showalter.

Absent: None.

Other officers present: City Manager Heather Grace, Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Michelle Frechette, DPW Superintendent Dennis Jameson and Police Chief Ken Walters.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Manager Grace apologized to all in attendance for the calculation error that was made during the last meeting and that the mistake was caught the night of the meeting after it was adjourned and all companies were notified at that time.

Manager Grace submitted the new computed bid totals for the refuse as follows and noted that Sunrise Disposal included a recycle cost with pulls that referred to extra fees every time they switch out one of the canisters at the recycle center.

WASTE MANAGEMENT	RATE PER UNIT	MONTHLY REFUSE COST	YEARLY REFUSE COST	YEARLY RECYCLE COST	TOTAL COST	
YEAR 1	\$9.75	\$8,775.00	\$105,300.00	\$0.00	\$105,300.00	
YEAR 2	\$10.14	\$9,126.00	\$109,512.00	\$0.00	\$109,512.00	
YEAR 3	\$10.55	\$9,495.00	\$113,940.00	\$0.00	\$113,940.00	
REPUBLIC SERVICES	RATE PER UNIT	MONTHLY REFUSE COST	YEARLY REFUSE COST	YEARLY RECYCLE COST	TOTAL COST	
YEAR 1	\$9.27	\$8,343.00	\$100,116.00	\$2,068.80	\$102,184.80	
YEAR 2	\$9.55	\$8,595.00	\$103,140.00	\$2,068.80	\$105,208.80	
YEAR 3	\$9.83	\$8,847.00	\$106,164.00	\$2,068.80	\$108,232.80	
SUNRISE DISPOSAL	RATE PER UNIT	MONTHLY REFUSE COST	YEARLY REFUSE COST	YEARLY RECYCLE COST	TOTAL COST	WITH PULLS
YEAR 1	\$8.88	\$7,992.00	\$95,904.00	\$3,600.00	\$99,504.00	\$110,229
YEAR 2	\$9.15	\$8,235.00	\$98,820.00	\$3,600.00	\$102,420.00	\$113,145
YEAR 3	\$9.42	\$8,478.00	\$101,736.00	\$3,600.00	\$105,336.00	\$116,061

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER TO BRING BACK TO THE TABLE THE DISCUSSION FOR THE REFUSE BIDS. *(note must have a vote of at least five to bring it back)*

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Hasty, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent –Lucas

Motion carried

Member Lawrence asked about the electronic recycling and it was noted that portion was separate from any of these bids.

Member Schaiberger noted that he based his previous vote on what would give the citizens the best rate and that based on the new numbers it would cause him to change his vote.

MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY EHINGER TO RESCIND THE AWARDING OF THE BID TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Hasty, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent –Lucas

Motion carried

MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER TO AWARD THE REFUSE BID TO REPUBLIC SERVICES.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Hasty, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent –Lucas

Motion carried

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Member Dave Lucas arrived at 12:15

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Manager Grace again apologized for the error and noted that in the future she would like to handle bids differently and allow the City to have a bid opening date prior to the awarding date which would allow them to check over all numbers and get them to Council for review.

MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY EHINGER TO HAVE ALL FUTURE BIDS WITH A DEADLINE OF NOON ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE MEETING IN WHICH THE BIDS WILL BE AWARDED.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent –None

Motion carried

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Superintendent Jameson updated Council that they recently installed a new UPS system which allows the Smiley Tower and the Well House to communicate with each other so that they will work together in the case of power loss at the Well House. Superintendent Jameson noted that during the switch process some of the water was released from the water tower and it caused the water to stir up and some water issues throughout the City.

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Member Showalter reminded everyone that the MML Capital Conference is coming up and that he has completed his level two certification of the elected officials academy.

Member Lawrence reminded everyone that Friday night at 7:30 there is a fundraiser for the Fabulous Fridays at Coco Cabanas

Manager Grace noted that Senator Booher is trying to reschedule his visit to March 30 where he will be going over any issues that we would like to discuss and present tributes to the Fabulous Fridays Group and the Downtown Retailer Merchants Group.

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Superintendent Jameson noted that he recently had an arsenic test of the City’s wells and the levels are below the minimum levels allowed by the State.

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Dave Golden addressed Council with concerns over the City water and indicated that he is having sand collect in his whole house filter. Member Lawrence noted that she has not had any of these issues but has experienced rusty colored water. Mr. Golden also noted that he is experiencing water pressure issues. Member Ervans asked Mr. Golden if he used the City water to water his lawn and Mr. Golden noted that he did not, that he used a shallow well pump. Member Hasty asked if Mr. Golden drained his water heater often and if so what the water looked like. Mr. Golden noted that it looked rusty at first

and then cleared up. Mr. Golden also brought up concerns that if we switched garbage companies in the future it could impact what the recycling center takes because all companies are different. Mr. Golden also brought up a concern that he would like to see minutes from the Council meetings put on the website before they are approved at the next meeting.

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Mayor Ehinger adjourned the meeting at 12.40 pm

William Ehinger, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk