

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE/SOLID
WASTE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND UPDATE ON DRESBACH TRAIL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
APRIL 29, 2013
5:30 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special Meeting for consideration of Solid Waste Ordinance/Solid Waste Request for Proposals and Update on Dresbach Trail Improvement Project was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, April 29, 2013, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, John Graf, Greg Husmann, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

ITEM 1 – SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE/SOLID WASTE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Council reviewed information presented by City Administrator regarding the proposals from area solid waste contractors for the bag option, container options, a recycling component and an option for dumpsters for residents of the City of La Crescent. The Council received copies of the response to the City's Request for Proposal. The following items and alternatives were presented for consideration by the City Council:

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Items to Address:

1. Dumpsters in residential areas.
2. Number of solid waste contractors providing service in residential areas.
3. Days that solid waste is collected in residential areas.

Alternatives:

1. Adopt the solid waste ordinance as proposed, and prohibit dumpsters in residential areas.
2. Adopt the solid waste ordinance as proposed, and prohibit any new dumpsters in residential areas. Conduct an inventory of existing residential properties with dumpsters, and grandfather in those dumpsters until such time that the use is discontinued or the property is sold. For City Council information, at present there are approximately 17 dumpsters that are being used in residential areas.
3. Adopt the solid waste ordinance as proposed, and limit the number of contractors providing service in residential areas at one.
4. Adopt the solid waste ordinance as proposed, with no limit on the number of contractors that provide service in residential areas. Consider requiring that all solid waste service in residential areas be performed on the same day of the week.

SOLID WASTE PROPOSALS

Items to Address:

1. Bags only.
2. Totes only.
3. Combination bags and totes.

After presentation made by City Administrator, there were questions and issues raised by the Council regarding continuation of bag service. Member Graf inquired as to the effectiveness of utilizing bags to both Harter and Hilltopper. Both Harter and Hilltopper acknowledged they have no issues in collecting bags. Members Husmann, Graf and Williams commented regarding availability of bags and keeping the bag service available to residents. Gary Harter of Harter's Quick Clean-Up informed Council his company's service would be over a 3 day period each week with unspecified days and times of service. Members discussed need for inclusion of recycling fee in water bill, and the elimination of dumpsters in residential areas. The Council had opportunities to address the contractors in attendance.

Following an extended discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY TO FINALIZE THE SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 13, 2013 CITY COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. PROHIBIT DUMPSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014;**
- 2. TO NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SOLID WASTE CONTRACTORS FOR TOTE OR CONTAINER SERVICE THAT ARE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE SERVICE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS;**
- 3. REQUIRE THAT ALL COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY OF THE WEEK, REGARDLESS OF WHO IS PROVIDING THE SERVICE;**
- 4. THE COST OF RECYCLING WOULD BE ADDED TO EACH RESIDENTIAL UTILITY BILL, AND WOULD BE COLLECTED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS; AND**
- 5. CONSUMERS WANTING TOTE SERVICE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION WOULD HAVE THE DISCRETION TO SELECT THE CONTRACTOR OF THEIR CHOICE.**

AND ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AND PREPARING A CONTRACT WITH HILLTOPPER REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICE TO PROVIDE BAG AND RECYCLING SERVICE TO THE CITY FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

Member Bernie Buehler voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried by a 4-1 vote.

ITEM 2 – UPDATE ON DRESBACH TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Winona Count has approved the Resolution regarding the trail agreement with all interested parties. No action taken.

Member Buehler then made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 6:25 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator