

CITY OF DERBY

RECYCLING/TRASH ADVISORY BOARD

April 14, 2009

8:00 a.m.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Rebecca Faulk
Larry Gould
Jack Halldin
Heather McCreight
Orpha Parish
Becky Robinson

Staff Present: Kathy Sexton, City Manager
Phil Alexander, City Attorney
Carolyn Morrison, Secretary
Susan Erlenwein, Sedgwick County Environmental Resources

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome & Introductions

Agenda Item #2 – Approve Minutes of 3/26/09, and Notes of 4/6/09 and 4/9/09

MOTION: Halldin moved to approve minutes of 3/26/09.

VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Item #3 – Discuss proposals from Derby Disposal and Waste Connections

- Identify any remaining questions
- Discuss vehicle specifications and potential street damage
- Determine recommendation to the City Council

McCreight stated that in the case of Derby Disposal, the City would have to fund any education component, which would affect the price.

Sexton will put an asterisk on the spreadsheet indicating the difference in price.

Sexton advised at this time we want to identify any questions we have in remaining proposals and what committee thinks would be the best for the city. The plan is for this to go to the Council on April 28 with the Board's recommendation. We do not plan to take a contract to the Council at that meeting as it likely isn't enough time for negotiations to occur. We will ask the Council to give us direction on the advisory board's recommendation.

Robinson asked about cancellation fees being credited to customers account?

Sexton suggested after we pick a company, we would then contact the other companies doing business in Derby to see what their cancellation fees are, then negotiate with the company we have chosen.

McCreight questioned if Derby Disposal can pick a back-up company, in this case Lies?

Sexton stated that there are a lot of questions on each proposal. If you as a board say this is the one that is best for the community, then we will proceed to work out all the details.

Gould feels when we come down to the wire on this, the recommendation we make to the City Council has to be rock solid. It is his opinion that Waste Connections is the best to recommend to the City Council.

Parish stated that we have been given this to choose for the whole city – do you hire the one with the best qualifications? Based on her experience, she feels that Waste Connections will give us the best service.

Halldin doesn't like the perception that we could be contributing to putting a company out of business, but it seems pretty straightforward to go with Waste Connections. We would be paying for experience, dependability, infrastructure, etc.

Gould doesn't want to go with a company who will spend several years trying to catch up rather than going with a company that is prepared to handle a city of Derby's size and is going straight forward.

McCreight advised that the RecycleBank program will be bringing money into the City from the get go. It is not just businesses but schools will benefit and any charity you would give your points to. Waste Connections is going to be cheaper in the long run because of the recycling. McCreight also asked about the carts being marked or not?

Sexton stated we put that in the RFP on the advice of the consulting trash attorney from California. Because we have a letter of credit we don't see the need to stick with unmarked carts.

McCreight would like to see at some point the availability of a smaller cart – say 32 gal.

Erlenwein advised that Seattle is down to a 12 gal. trash container.

Sexton stated that is something we should talk to them about – should we stick to the 7 year contract, or cut it back. We could have something in a 7-year contract saying after 3 years we would like to look at offering a smaller cart. Erlenwein suggested a customer survey.

Alexander asked Erlenwein if the trucks had capability of picking up the smaller carts and she replied yes.

MOTION: Halldin moved to recommend Waste Connections with RecycleBank to the City Council. Parish seconded.
VOTE: Motion carried 6-0.

Erlenwein pointed out that in the case of Derby Disposal, it is not just public education that is not included in their rates. There are several services they don't offer.

McCreight stated she had a citizen express to her that they would like to see recycling containers at the pool and parks.

Faulk responded that she has seen it in the past and there is so much contamination when recycling containers are left in public places – people will throw their trash in the container.

Erlenwein mentioned that as far as the city looking greener, Waste Connections will track the amount that Derby is recycling.

Sexton advised that Waste Connections said it was an average of \$20 a month they are seeing people getting rebated from the RecycleBank program.

Sexton stated that we specified in the RFP free roll-out to people 75 or older and those with disabilities. Waste Connections said 65+ and that the city would administer the program. She was thinking that the Senior Center might be a good sign-up place. It also seems like 65 is pretty young.

Halldin advised that neither Derby Disposal nor Waste Connections thought it was a big deal, and that they don't get many requests for it. It seems like they could put something in their trash sign-up system where people can say they need it or not.

Sexton agreed to discuss with Waste Connections whether they could do the sign-ups given direction from the city for program parameters.

McCreight asked about an item in the ordinance where the cart has to be behind a gate or fence?

Alexander will look at the ordinance again, but is pretty sure that isn't a requirement.

Erlenwein asked about having a cart out at certain times. Will you change your ordinance so that cart can be left out longer for missed carts to be picked up the next day?

Sexton stated the ordinance gives you until 9 a.m. the following day; we made it a longer period to provide for shift workers in Derby.

Sexton will talk to Waste Connections about how to work roll-out service and who is going to administer.

Sexton brought up the wear and tear on the streets issue. Derby Disposal proposed single axle, smaller trucks and Waste Connections proposed a larger vehicle and talked about more wheels to spread the weight.

Erlenwein had some of her staff go to a transfer station to check it out. They found that single axle and double axle vehicles generally had the same loaded weight. The dual axle on the back spreads out the weight per tire vs. the single axle. The age, make, etc. of the truck can also make a difference.

Robinson asked if the contract is approved could they have a booth at Derby Days and provide public education.

Sexton has talked to Derby Days and they will contact Waste Connections about having a booth at Derby Days.

Robinson suggested maybe even have people at the parade distributing literature.

Alexander asked how groups like Boy Scouts can use RecycleBank points – what would they use them for?

Robinson noted points could be useful for prizes, giftcards, and to defray operating expenses.

Sexton thinks the program just provided the points, but there could be cash rewards. We'll check.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.