

**CITY OF DERBY**

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**RECYCLING/TRASH ADVISORY BOARD**

**August 19, 2008**

**4:00 P.M.**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff Present: Kathy Sexton, City Manager  
Carolyn Morrison, Secretary

**Agenda Item #1 – Welcome & Introductions**

Becky Robinson, Chair, welcomed those in attendance and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item #2 – Approve Minutes of 7/22/08**

**MOTION:** Gould moved to approve minutes of 7/22/08. Halldin seconded.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 5-0, Faulk absent.

**Agenda Item #3 – Review of Trash Information Collected**

a. **Effect of trash trucks on residential streets**

Sexton reviewed a memo provided by Dan Squires, City Engineer, to examine the effect of trash trucks on the quality of the asphalt of residential streets. The effect on the pavement of one trash truck is equivalent to somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000 passenger vehicles. These computations only relate to the effect of axel loading on the pavement life, and do not take into account the significant impact of the constant acceleration and deceleration of the trash trucks. Sexton stated that part of the reason this is brought up is because it is a large part of the budget to do street maintenance and we do get complaints.

b. **Solid waste collection practices in selected cities**

Sexton stated that the next piece of information is about how other cities do things. City Attorney, Phil Alexander, provided information, which was distributed to Board.

c. **Information from Homeowners Associations in Derby**

Sexton advised that we sent a letter to all homeowners associations, and we got some good responses. Most of them were feeling just fine about the City proceeding with this. The feeling was that it was one less thing for them to think about. We will continue to seek responses from those we didn't hear from. The main idea of contacting them was to let them know what we are working on.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Review of Recycling Information Collected**

Robinson stated that she made 4 calls about recycling and this is what she found out:

**Weyerhaeuser** is now International Paper but they do not provide residential trash or curbside recycling services. They do accept plastics coded 1-7, aluminum cans, mixed paper and cardboard. They do not accept glass.

**Waste Connections** is starting a two-cart system, one cart for trash and one for recyclables, and the recyclables do not have to be sorted. They typically take plastics, aluminum cans, tins/steel cans, and paper.

**Stutzman** has a two-bag system instead of carts. They accept plastics, aluminum cans, glass, tin/steel, newspapers, car batteries and used automotive oil. The recyclables do not have to be sorted.

**Waste Management** collects newspaper, plastics, tin and aluminum cans, junk mail and magazines and catalogs. All items must be sorted into one of four categories into an 18-gallon recycling tub.

All of these businesses said they could handle an increase if they got the RFP.

Parish feels there is a need for recycling glass. Newton has a container where they put plastics 1 and 2 and glass all in one.

Robinson believes it is important to mention in the RFP that recyclables don't have to be separated.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearing**

Robinson opened the public hearing at 4:20 p.m.

**David Lies, Lies Trash Service**, has served Derby for around 6 years. They are a local company and have around 900 customers in Derby at this time. Their trucks are a little smaller and not as heavy as some competitors. They are located in Wichita and have upwards of 49,000 customers. He opposes franchising because citizens lose the right to do business with who they choose. They do trash and curbside recycling, and charge \$2 a month for curbside recycling; pick-up is twice a month. If the recycling tub is full, they will provide another one. They are also looking at getting a mixer to turn glass into sand. They have 4 haulers in Derby and he suggested we divide the city into 4 sections.

**Hannah Vincent, Swaney Elementary School**, advised that the average American produces 7½ lbs. of trash a day. Her family currently has containers in the garage where they collect recyclables, and when it gets full they take it to Dillon's. It would be easier if we had a truck picking it up.

**Jeremy Olsen, Waste Management**, stated they don't have a stand one way or the other; it is whatever is in the city's best interest for their community. They will do their best to accommodate. He asked if they will be allowed to continue their contractual agreement with homeowner associations, and Sexton replied it is something we will figure out. He understands that the road use issue is a major one and agrees that dividing the city into 4 sections would be good for their goal also.

Sexton stated that we are looking at how many ways you can divide Derby and asked if there was a magical number they would need to make it work.

McCreight asked if Waste Management has done any franchising with cities. Olsen replied that they have bid, but have not been awarded bids locally. She asked if they charge for recycling, and Olsen stated that it would depend on how we built the RFP.

Sexton stated that Waste Management requires things be sorted in 4 categories. If we put in RFP that we did not want to sort, would it prevent you from bidding? Olsen advised that it would probably be

a concern but we have overcome things before. He did say that glass is an issue – it is hard to get rid of.

**Mark Gelvin, Waste Connections**, doesn't have anything to add and asked if we have any questions.

Robinson asked if they were supplying a two-cart system.

Gelvin replied they currently have a two-cart system, and you don't have to sort.

Sexton was envisioning RFP with basic services we want and then see what extras would cost to see if we want to add it to the basic fee. She asked if they have any preference if the City handles bill or if the companies do it. All agreed that it would be better for them if the City did the billing.

Sexton advised that in the case of grass clippings, we will probably wait for the County. It looks like Sedgwick County will ban effective January 2010.

Sexton stated that at the next meeting in September she will have a draft RFP, and the board will decide what it wants in it.

Gould thinks this is bigger than we realize and we should get more input.

McCreight asked about having a survey perhaps in the paper to get input.

Sexton asked what is it you want to hear from the public?

Gould said there are different segments – elderly people who think recycling is going to be law and they can't make it out to the garage; the other side is the person who likes to complain about everything and doesn't want to be told what to do.

Sexton stated that is why we have this committee. We are trying to make decisions from an informed perspective.

Robinson suggested we put it on the cable channel and mention it in a city council meeting to get information out.

Sexton advised that the mission of this committee was to figure out particulars as to how we are going to do this. The council has directed staff to do franchising.

**Margie Jones, 1406 Walnut Grove**, said that in Texas you don't have a choice – you have to recycle. The elderly provide certificates to the trash hauler saying that they aren't able to do it. She thinks it should be done every week if we are going to recycle. This system is hard for the elderly and she would like special provisions for them. There is also a problem with the mess left when they pick up bins – would like to see clean service included in it.

Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m.

Robinson advised what will be going on at the next meeting.

Sexton stated the billing side will probably affect the price. It does seem like managing more contracts will be more overhead, and this will be passed on to the customers.

Olsen stated that all of their franchises are billed by the various cities.

Robinson asked Waste Management if they would keep the container they have at Dillon's if we recycle. Olsen advised yes – that is a service they provide the community

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.