

MINUTES OF THE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Solid Waste Authority of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on September 14, 2012.

Chairman Bryson called the meeting to order with the following present;

CHAIRMAN: Allen Bryson

TRUSTEES: Jason Hulin, Don Rodolph, Phyllis Smith

ABSENT: Bob Marcy

CITY MANAGER: Steve Hewitt

CITY CLERK: Lisa Anders

CITY TREASURER: Debra Blanchard

DEPUTY CLERK: Rhonda Williams

CITY ATTORNEY: Ryan Meacham

NEWS MEDIA: Gerald Green and Mike Smith

OTHERS: Julie Menge, Mary Helen Jones, David Crabtree, Seth Adams, L.R. Sights, Stephen Jones, Dave Thorpe, Curtis Maloy, Tracy Crawford, Carrie Miller, Rosco Dorse, Brett Matlock, Robert Mayfield, Dale Conley, Louie Neeley, Brian Aneshansley, Narci Smith, Jerry Douglas, Tommy Cravens, Steve Jones and others.

Doyle Kinney of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with prayer and Trustee Phyllis Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2012

Moved by Trustee Hulin and seconded by Trustee Smith, that Consent Agenda Item No. 3 (a) be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Hulin, Smith, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 ACTION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REPUBLIC TRASH SERVICE PROPOSAL

Chairman Bryson said no action will be taken tonight. He said public meeting would be set up to allow for more opportunities for the public to ask questions regarding the services and changes.

City Manager Steve Hewitt introduced Tracy Crawford, Carrie Miller and Rosco Dorse of Republic Trash Services. He said the largest change would be the curb single streams recycle service for the

community. He said the cost for the services has been presented and currently there is no increase. He said that Republic would possibly hire city staff and the time frame is for a ten year contract. He said this would require an amendment to the current contract with Republic Trash Service.

Carrie Miller of Republic Trash Service compared the current rates to the proposed rates. She said a second polycart for recycle items would be added to the service. She said the polycarts are 95 gallon capacity which is what the City currently has. She said that an evaluation of current services would be made and some consolidation of services would be considered.

Tracy Crawford of Republic Trash Service said the businesses can participate in the recycling polycarts and the goal is to have commercial customers participate in recycling also. She said they would be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Carrie Miller said the city would share in the revenue of the recycling after the base line investment of Republic Trash Services has been covered. She said this would include the revenue generated by other communities involved in the recycling program.

Tracy Crawford said a thirty party would facilitate the sale of the city's existing equipment. She said the company's largest investment is the conversion of the transfer station to a recycling plant.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that Republic Trash Service would seek other communities to participate in the recycling and this would benefit the City of Clinton. He said an increase in recycling would increase the rebate the City would receive.

Rosco Dorse said typically the conversion takes about 14 weeks.

Trustee Hulin asked if Weatherford chose to not participate in the program, how would this affect Clinton.

Tracy Crawford said even in Weatherford chose not to participate; several other communities in the area are on board for the program.

Trustee Hulin asked if the current polycarts are recyclable.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said bids would have to be taken on the sale of the city equipment and trucks.

Trustee Hulin asked if there would be fees assessed for residents that do not comply with the recycling program and put refuse in the wrong container.

Tracy Crawford said since the polycarts for residential usage are smaller, contamination issues are smaller but if there are repeat issues that the City would be notified of the situation.

Trustee Hulin asked if polycarts will be placed in alleys or only curbside.

Tracy Crawford said they prefer curbside. She said the truck that will be used for pickups is a different type than would be used in alleys. She said there are safety issues that impact the preference for curbside pickups.

Trustee Hulin said that Clinton Public Schools has recycle stations located at their facilities and they are compensated for the product. He asked how this would be handled.

Tracy Crawford said they would not take that away from the schools. She said they could even talk with them about a joint effort for the future.

Trustee Hulin asked why the brown dumpsters were being eliminated. He said that dumpsters would cause less stops and less time.

Tracy Crawford said it would require a different truck to pick up the dumpsters and this would cut down on the efficiency of the routes.

Rosco Dorse said the company has a lifting policy that for safety purposes, the lifting is done from the right hand side of the road so the truck is not facing oncoming traffic.

Trustee Hulin asked how apartment complexes would be handled.

Tracy Crawford said the apartment sites would be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Trustee Hulin asked how the larger items in the alley by the dumpsters would be addressed.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said the facility site on Glenn Smith Road would continue to be open.

Tracy Crawford said the curb side service is a cleaner process and discourages residents from placing items in the alley way.

Trustee Hulin asked about the possibility of the Solid Waste employees to be hired by Republic Trash Service. He asked if there is a contingent plan if employees did not transfer and asked if cross training for employees is available.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said if opening were available, the Solid Waste employees would be given the opportunity to change but felt this is an opportunity for employees to move forward. He said that Republic does have criteria for new hires and he said the current city employees would meet those criteria. He said the Glenn Smith site would remain open.

Tracy Crawford said typically they always hire employees from the department as long as they meet the criteria and she said they want to hire the employees.

Trustee Hulin asked about areas where residents set back from the road; will dumpsters be replaced with polycarts?

Tracy Crawford said those areas would be reviewed. She said the 300 gallon containers might be placed in those open areas.

Trustee Smith asked what improvements would be made to the Glenn Smith facility site.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said that would be the responsibility for the city. He said he anticipates the position at that site as well as a city mechanic will be retained.

Jerry Douglas asked how Republic Trash Service would handle elderly customers who can not roll the polycarts.

Tracy Crawford said a doctor note confirming the need would need to be provided and that address can be assigned special services. She said the driver would get the container and return it after it is emptied.

Trustee Hulin said he felt that if polycarts were placed in alleys that a better response would be given for the recycling since these residents are accustomed to having the containers in the alley.

Tracy Crawford said that each alley would have to be evaluated.

Steve Jones said that alleys have overhead service lines and the placement of the current dumpsters in the alleys is based on the location of the lines. He said there would be no control over where residents would put their polycarts and this could cause problems.

Trustee Rodolph said that additional meeting dates need to be set for additional information to be presented to the public but he felt that direction should be given to the city manager and city attorney to begin working on an agreement with Republic Trash Service.

Motion was made by Trustee Rodolph and seconded by Trustee Hulin to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to begin preparing an agreement with Republic Trash Service for presentation to the Authority at a later date.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Rodolph, Hulin, Smith, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

City Manager Steve Hewitt said this would all things to keep flowing.

Trustee Rodolph said things need to keep moving and be able to look at details as progress goes on.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Hulin and seconded by Trustee Smith that the meeting adjourn.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote

Aye: Hulin, Smith, Rodolph, Bryson

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.