



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject: Request to send out RFP's for Curb-Side Recycling

Staff Source: City Manager, Steve Hewitt

Date: Nov. 2, 2012

History/Background Information:

Proposal has been presented by Republic to offer curb-side recycling to our community. This also includes Trash Service. (Currently Republic operates our Transfer Station and is under contract the next 4 years) Council directed staff to move forward on contract negotiations and logistics.

Subject Summary:

Current contract is for Transfer Station Services only. During contract conversations, it became evident that making an amendment was a dramatic scope change. Staff and legal representatives from both sides had multiple discussions about the best direction for this. Legally we can create a contract. Staff isn't comfortable with this. Authority should send out RFP's (Request for Proposals) and ask other Companies if they are interested (providing curb-side recycling) and see if they are willing to propose anything the City of Clinton, Solid Waste Authority.

Recommendation:

Staff strongly recommends that if you want to move forward on a curb-side recycling program for the City of Clinton, you need to direct staff to release a RFP for those services. The RFP would explain our current situation/operations and ask a company to provide a detail plan of how they would offer such a service and what the cost would be. (This has never been about Trash Service, this an RFP for Curb-Side Recycling) Republic was able to offer us this service, however the trash service made it cost effective and no increase per household. We have no issues with our current trash operations. Republic needed trash to cover the cost of recycling.

This proposal has be dissected and discussion immensely over the past few weeks. Staff needs some direction. This direction to release a RFP will be good for the community. Republic has informed us that they have no issues and are more than willing to submit and have us compare proposals. Also, we are asking for more feedback with surveys about Recycling. This would allow Council time to review the community's surveys on Recycling.

If, however, Council feels this is something our community won't support, please let us know. If you feel the majority of the community against this, staff will disregard any more discussions on the subject.

*If the major issue is privatizing trash, the RFP could provide a company who can offer the service without taking over our Trash collection. Sending out a RFP is no obligation to do anything.

Price/Cost: TBD