

City Council
July 6, 2020

A Work Session of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 401 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: David Hill, Mayor
Mary Lou Shipley, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Beatty, Councilmember
Kevin Strength, Councilmember
Melissa Olson, Councilmember

Others Present: Michael Scott, City Manager
Albert Lawrence, Assistant City Manager
Tommy Ludwig, Assistant City Manager
Robert Brown, City Attorney
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Hill called the meeting to order.

2. Discuss solid waste Request for Proposal

City Manager Michael Scott introduced the new Finance Director Chad Tustison.

Mr. Scott explained the Solid Waste Contract for the city expires on March 31, 2021 and staff has begun the Request for Proposals process.

Building and Community Services Director Jose Martinez explained staff has been researching and coordinating with Solid Waste Services for metrics and development of contract proposal. He explained a survey was available for citizen feedback regarding trash and recycling services. Mr. Martinez reviewed the survey parameters and overall results. He noted 2,143 residents responded to the survey:

- Poly cart 42.14% vs. Bagged pick up 50.54%, No Preference 7.33%
- Curb 83.9% vs. Alley 8.03%, No Preference 8.07%
- E-Waste Services, Yes 50.49%, No 49.51%
- Leaf and Yard Waste Service, Convenience Station 36.35%, Other 37.52%
- Citizen Comments

Mr. Martinez reviewed the anticipated schedule of events:

- Presentation to City Council on service advertisements July 6, 2020
- Specification advertised July 14, 2020
- Proposal Due Date August 26, 2020
- Council award October 5, 2020
- Contract effective date April 1, 2021

Mr. Lynn Lantrip, Solid Waste Services, explained his perspective from the industry noting the option for bagged only pickup will provide the city with limited proposals from vendors. He reviewed the following current service level of the city:

- Residential garbage collected 2x per week in bags

- Leaves and grass to be collected two times per year (10 bags in February and November) after call-in
- Bundled brush up to 4 yards weekly
- One bulky item per year
- Recycling with 18-gallon bin
- Unusual accumulations for a fee

He noted the proposed residential upgrades include the following:

- Yard waste will be collected once each week
- Brush and/or bulk (3 cubic yards) every week
 - Provision for unusual accumulations for a fee
- Recycling increases to 95 gallon cart
- Seniors and handicapped will receive garage door or side of home collection
- Funding for trash and recycling outreach (\$60,000 annually)

He explained the option for household waste collections would allow up to one collection each month with packaging provided by the vendor. Mr. Lantrip reviewed the changes in the industry and why the city should upgrade to poly carts. He also reviewed the possible objections from the citizens.

Assistant City Manager Tommy Ludwig explained staff is looking for direction from City Council on what services to advertise in the specifications.

Councilmember Melissa Olson expressed her preference to continue with bagged pick up due to possible inconvenience to residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Mary Lou Shipley asked if hours of pick up will be specified in the contract and Mr. Ludwig noted pick up hours will be Monday-Friday between 7am-6pm.

Councilmember Chuck Beatty noted there will be less strain on the streets by moving to one weekly pick up instead of two.

Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Lantrip and Mr. Richard Rozier for their efforts and joining the meeting via videoconference. He encouraged Council to send him their preferences on scope of services quickly in order to stay in alignment with the proposed timeline.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal
Assistant City Secretary