

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: David Chanski, City Administrator/Clerk
RE: Brush Pile
DATE: June 17, 2024



Background

During the City Council meeting on June 3rd, the Council held a brief discussion on the City Brush Pile at the request of Councilmember Scott. During that discussion, a number of concerns were raised include the use of the Brush Pile by commercial landscape companies and non-residents, the speed of vehicles accessing the Brush Pile, and the mess of brush on City streets due to uncovered loads. The City Council ultimately chose to further discuss the Brush Pile at the June 17 workshop.

Brush Pile Details

The City has had a public brush pile for many years. The Brush Pile was originally located south of the Conservation Club off of Thrane Drive and CSAH 4. It was moved in the spring of 2020 to its current location at 7947 Dakota Drive as the former location was becoming too small.

The Brush Pile is managed by the Public Works Department who currently conduct a burn of the brush once per year during winter months when it is safest and does not have to be monitored 24/7.

A copy of the currently posted rules for use of the Brush Pile are attached as well as an information email from Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden sent on March 28.

Council Discussion

Staff is looking for the Council to discuss the details around the Brush Pile. Any action come out of this discussion would be taken during the July 1 City Council meeting.