



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: April 28, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Independence Single Hauler Agreement – Kluesner

BACKGROUND:

RFPs for a Single Hauler Agreement for Solid Waste were discussed during the March 17, 2025, City Council Work Session Meeting. During that meeting, the Council gave general guidance on negotiating a contract with Kluesner for future consideration. During the April 7, 2025, City Council Work Session, discussion occurred about the disposal location for solid waste. General guidance was that the Council would like to have the solid waste taken to the Black Hawk County Landfill.

DISCUSSION:

Negotiations are complete, and the City Attorney has completed his review and comment portion of this process. The final draft contract is attached for the Council's consideration and review.

As discussed during the Work Sessions leading up to this, this contract includes the following points:

- Solid Waste will be taken to the Black Hawk County Landfill.
- As shown in the original RFP for Kluesner, there are no senior rates, as offering one would require increasing other rates in the contract.
- This is a three-year contract with a three-year renewal. After that renewal, it would renew each year until terminated by either party.
- Provides for weekly pickup of both Solid Waste and Recycling.
- Provides for bulk pickup at a cost of \$30 for each tag – which will be purchasable at City Hall.
- Provides for the City-Wide Clean-Up Event.
- Provides for Recycling Centers should the current center be closed.
- Provides for the annual retrieval and disposal in the Tree Dump of Christmas Trees.

Rates for the initial contract period are as follows:

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026	\$17.92
July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	\$18.28
July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028	\$18.83

RESULTS:

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Engaging and Catalyzing Community. This item helps achieve that vision by providing for Solid Waste and Recycling Service at the most economical rate available to the City of Independence.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The cost of this contract is pass-through, as ILPT charges customers these fees on their monthly bills, remits them to the City, and the City pays them to the Contractor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Kluesner Sanitation, LLC for the Independence Single Hauler Agreement.