



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

CONTACT: CLIF CUSTER

SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE SERVICE CONTRACT

SUMMARY:

The City of Richwood's service contract with Waste Connections must be extended for one year under current contract terms, or the service must go out for bid.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Richwood's current contract with Waste Connections is dated September 1st of 2018 through August 31st of 2021 with an option to renew for two, one-year periods. In 2021 Council voted to extend the contract through 2022.

Historically Richwood has had poor participation by potential contractors when solid waste services have been put out for bid. I was approached by Ameriwave expressing interest in submitting a bid to Richwood for providing solid waste services. This approach by Ameriwave prompted me to request direction from Council to either extend the current contract with Waste Connections or put the service out for bid based on Ameriwave's interest in acquiring Richwood's account.

At the April Council meeting it was requested of me to try to obtain some potential pricing information from Ameriwave to serve as a basis for comparison. An Ameriwave representative informed me that accurate pricing for the service cannot be divulged outside the bid process.

ISSUE:

Any pricing for solid waste services obtained by Richwood would need to be obtained through open record requests to a municipality currently under contract with Ameriwave. Service contracts for this service have numerous factors that determine a contractual price. I feel that any pricing presented to Council would be misleading and insufficient to make an educated decision whether to put the service out for bid or extend the city's current contract with Waste Connections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

I am recommending that Council make a motion to extend Richwood's contract with Waste Connections for one year.