

Public Works Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT



MEETING: Public Works Committee Meeting – 21 FEB 2023
Present: P8 Mark McClinton, Chair; P1 LeAnn Durfey; P5 Ricky Thurman; P6 David Basket
Absent: None
DEPARTMENT: Public Works / Development Services
STAFF CONTACT: Nick Williams

Agenda Item 1: Solid Waste Franchise Agreement – Annual Rate Adjustment Request

Discussion: The proposed rate adjustment and corresponding amendment to the exclusive franchise agreement with Waste Connections for the collection, hauling, and disposal of solid waste was discussed. It was noted the calculated, contractual CPI rate of 6.92% and landfill disposal rate of 2.39% would result in an overall increase is 9.31%. It was noted the rates for residential and commercial polycarts would increase by \$1.19 and \$1.93 per month respectively with twice per week residential pickup and bulky item services to remain.

It was also noted that the disposal rates would increase for Waste Connections at the Stephenville Landfill which could be expected to generate over \$16,000 in additional annual revenue for the city's landfill. Additionally, the rate increase for the Stephenville wastewater treatment plant would be delayed until October in order to maintain the approved FY22-23 budget.

Committee Action: Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Thurman, seconded by Mrs. Durfey, to forward a positive recommendation to the full council to approve the requested rates as presented.

Recommendation: The committee voted unanimously to forward a positive recommendation to the full council to approve the proposed rates as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Drainage and Stormwater Discussion

Discussion: Chairman McClinton spoke about current stormwater drainage requirements and solicited feedback from the committee and council.

Staff noted some internal tools to be tested via policy to include a checklist to be turned in with development submittals as well as a standard spreadsheet to assist developer's engineers with the submittal format and decrease review time.

There was also discussion among committee and council members about the inclusion of stormwater criteria and projects as it relates to the upcoming review of the comprehensive plan. Additionally, it was noted the most recent capital improvements plan identified over \$53 million in stormwater-related projects.

Committee Action: Following discussion no action was taken. It was noted the topic was introduced for discussion purposes and to solicit feedback.

Recommendation: No action was taken.