



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	August 11, 2026
Agenda Item:	Biosolids Hauling Contract
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Wastewater Utility currently has a contract with HPC Industrial LLC for hauling and land applying biosolids onto farmer's fields. The current contract runs from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2026. When the Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued, it was noted that the Terms of the Contract would include an Option to Extend for two additional years.

Staff received two responses to the RFP in October 2022. HPC Industrial's cost was estimated at \$63,000 and the other cost was estimated at \$120,000.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

In October 2018, the City entered into an Agreement with Clean Harbors (now doing business as HPC Industrial) for the hauling of the biosolids. The contract was for 2018 – 2020 with an extension to the contract signed in March 2021 for the years 2021 and 2022. As mentioned above, the City issued a RFP in September 2022. The Public Works Committee and Council approved entering into an Agreement with HPC Industrial in October 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The actual cost is based on the gallons of biosolids hauled away from the plant. Under the current contract the prices were:

• 2023	\$.042/gallon	Actual cost: \$46,346
• 2024	\$.042/gallon	Actual cost: \$65,916
• 2025	\$.045/gallon	Actual cost: \$60,750
• 2026	\$.045/gallon	Budgeted: \$80,000

It also included a fuel surcharge of 1% for every \$.10 fuel is over \$3.00

The proposed prices for the two-year extension are:

• 2027	\$.046/gallon	Estimated cost: \$61,790
• 2028	\$.049/gallon	Estimated cost: \$65,820

It also includes a fuel surcharge of 1% for every \$.10 fuel is over \$3.00

Not knowing how much prices might go up, the 2027 budget included \$125,000 for this line item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Ben Mielke, Wastewater Superintendent, reached out to other Wastewater Facilities to see what they were paying. In all cases, the proposed rate being asked for by HPC Industrial is lower than those other Facilities. Wastewater staff have had no issues with HPC Industrial. The \$.001/gallon increase equates to

about a 2% increase. Based on this, staff recommends a motion to move forward with the two year extension and proposed pricing and forward to Council for final approval.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

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| 1. 2027-2028 Extension |
| 2. 2023-2026 Contract |
| 3. 2022 RFP |
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