

Minutes  
Recycling/Solid Waste Committee  
August 12, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m-. Members present were: Bill Waugh, Blaise Emerson, Aaron Costello and Sam Kooiker. Staff members present were: Robert Ellis, Karl Merbach and Torie Fields. Jordan Mason joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Emerson moved, second by Waugh, to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

City Ordinance Changes-Chapter 8.08 Solid Waste

Ellis stated that staff is in the process of completing a number of ordinance changes. Ellis said they will be including rates for each of the various material IDs in the ordinance. Discussion was held on reduced rate loads and defining alternative cover. Emerson moved to proceed forward with ordinance changes, second by Waugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Garbage Bill Utilization

Ellis provided an update stating the current policy allows you to use a utility bill within 3 months of being issued to get into the landfill for free. Ellis stated we would like to put that into ordinance so you can bring in a city utility bill, with garbage service, so long as it has been issued within the last 12 months.

Discussion was held on the Grimm issue. Grimm owned a rental property in Rapid City that received City garbage service. However, he was not the account holder. He requested free access to the landfill. The Committee agreed to deny Mr. Grimm free access to the landfill as he was not the account holder.

Scavenging

Ellis stated this is a new issue and is derived from an incident that occurred a few weeks ago. Ellis said we had someone scavenging thru curbside recycling dumpsters or garbage cans. Merbach stated it occurs at the drop off sites as well, not that we are going to lose a significant amount of money, but it is a safety issue. Someone scavenging thru either a blue bin or somebody's garbage could spread garbage or someone could fall inside of a dumpster. Merbach stated this is something that other communities have in their city ordinance. Merbach stated once refuse is in the can and placed on the curb, it is then property of the City. Merbach said retrieving items in your own can would not be an issue, but in the past we observed someone driving a car, stopping at every stop, opening the cans. Kooiker asked if what Merbach was suggesting was a fine. Merbach clarified it is not necessarily a specific fine, but an

ordinance that states scavenging shall not be allowed. It would then just fall under an ordinance violation.

### Feasibility of the GPS/GIS

Merbach said we are still in the process of trying to determine the benefits and costs. What he would like to do next is to see if there is anyone in the area that may be utilizing that system and to meet directly with some of the other Landfill people at the South Dakota Solid Waste Management Association annual conference to discuss the system. Merbach said the advantage of the system is to monitor compaction in an effort to maximize the capacity. Merbach stated he would like to do more research. Waugh moved to continue to the next meeting, second by Emerson. Motion carried unanimously.

### New Business

#### Solid Waste Management Plan

Merbach offered hard copies of the Solid Waste Management Plan to the new members of the Committee and provided a summary of the Solid Waste Management Plan Staff Recommendations. Merbach explained he had prioritized the recommendations in the plan. Merbach briefly outlined the summary. Discussion was held on the four priorities. Emerson moved to proceed with implementing the priority one and to include ordinance amendments and definitions of all reduced rate loads, second by Mason. Motion carried unanimously. Waugh moved to continue priorities 2, 3 and 4 to the next meeting, second by Emerson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Request from RCSD to fund waste reduction/recycling employee

Ellis explained a formal request made by RCSD to fund a RCSD recycling/waste reduction employee. Waugh moved to inform the School District this committee has adopted the recommendation of a City wide recycling coordinator and that is the route we are looking at going, second by Emerson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Recycling Brokering Services

Ellis stated we would like to solicit a new RFP to check the recycling brokerage market. Ellis said our current broker, Ace Recycling, has done a very good job for us for the past few years but he would like to get a feel for the current market. Ellis stated a new RFP has been drafted and he would like to create a panel to view proposals, possibly interview the proposers, and make a selection. Ellis said he is hoping someone on this committee would sit in on the panel. Emerson moved to approve issuing an RFP for brokerage services for recycling services, second by Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Other

Kooiker asked Merbach, in the interest of the new committee members, if he would be willing to bring forward a revenue update to the next meeting. Merbach agreed to do so.

Kooiker moved to bring forward a revenue review from 2006-2010, second by Waugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Kooiker stated there is piece of property for sale that might be an appropriate buffer for the Landfill. Merbach stated the purchase for buffering or zoning changes are recommendations in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Kooiker moved to look at the property and bring forward a report for the next meeting, second by Waugh. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJORNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Waugh moved, second by Emerson to adjourn the August 12, 2010, Recycling/Solid Waste Committee meeting at 3:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.