

Minutes
Recycling/Solid Waste Committee
April 7, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. Members present were: Sam Kooiker, Patti Martinson, Aaron Costello, and Blaise Emerson. Staff members present were: Robert Ellis, Jerry Wright, Torie Fields and John Leahy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Emerson moved, second by Martinson to approve the minutes of January 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

In the old business the presentation by Mike Coleman of HDR was listed, Jerry explained that the presentation had occurred, and if there were any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Implementation of the Solid Waste Plan

Wright provided copies of the Solid Waste Plan to the committee. Wright stated that copies would be provided to Public Works, City Council Caucus Room, and the City Library. Wright gave an update on the work at the Landfill to include the Leachate remediation project and the Landfill gas extraction and collection system. Both projects will be starting soon. Emerson asked that Wright present a summary brief of the implementation plan and schedule before his retirement, presentation at the May meeting was expressed. Discussion was held about rates and tipping fees.

City Utility Bill at the Landfill

Wright explained that there are two issues concerning the use of the city utility bill. The first being why we use it and the second, how we use it. Wright provided the committee an example of a city utility bill. Discussion was held on extending the 90 day limit to 12 months. Kooiker moved, second by Costello to extend the usage of the city utility bill from 3 months to 11 months plus the current month. Wright asked to add a statement "garbage services" to be on the bill to qualify. Kooiker added an amendment to the motion requiring that it would be so written to clarify the portion of the bill which includes the garbage charge from the City of Rapid City. Motioned carried unanimously. This item has to be approved by City Council before implementation.

Rounding of rates

Discussion was held on rounding rates at the landfill to the nearest dollar and the fee would include sales tax. Wright recommended to leave the rates as they are now. Committee recommended to not round any rates and to leave them as they are.

Credit card utilization

Discussion was held on the possibility of using credit cards at the scale house. Leahy stated that it is currently taking between 30-60 minutes to reconcile the cash records. Kooiker moved, second by Costello that the task force recommends the installation of a card reader. Motion passed unanimously.

Establishment of special rates by ordinance

Wright provided the committee with a copy of the city ordinance and information on special rates. Discussion was held on the tipping fee by the ton, by the cubic yard, tires, special rates for asbestos etc. Wright provided a copy of the memo that was sent out to all the haulers with the rates and what they are for. Wright stated that he would provide a draft of said rates in ordinance form to Ellis. Discussion was held on the sale of compost. Emerson moved, second by Martinson to move special rates for items coming into the landfill ordinance.

Annual increase in calendar year

Wright suggested that in the future we give the haulers 3-6 months notice and make ordinance changes, especially when related to rates, effective the first of the year versus April.

Free compost with water bill.

Kooiker asked if we could add to the water bill or garbage bill an additional benefit of a free load of co-compost. Discussion was held on the co-compost with no recommendation at the time.

Other

Discussion was held on the usage and feasibility of a GPS/GIS system. Kooiker moved, second by Martinson to look into the feasibility of a GIS/GPS and for a recommendation for the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJORNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, Kooiker moved, second by Costello to adjourn the April 7, 2010, Recycling/Solid Waste Committee meeting at 4:05p.m. Motion carried unanimously.