

SERVICE COMMITTEE

December 18, 2024

The December 18, 2024 special Service Committee meeting was called to order at 7:50 a.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairman. Service Committee members present Aaron Korte, Dale Rowe, and Andy Voorheis.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; Tom Karcher; John Walker; Jim Stauffer; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the purchase of an automated garbage truck and totes.

Discussion continued from the December 16, 2024 Service Committee meeting regarding information from Best Equipment Company presented for the purchase of a new automated garbage truck and ninety-six (96) gallon totes and financing information from NCL Government Capital. The sales proposal provided by Best Equipment Company included an automated garbage truck at \$390,000.00 and three thousand (3,000) ninety-six (96) gallon totes at \$66.25 each with the total cost for the totes being \$208,250.00, including \$12,500.00 in freight cost to ship the totes. Mr. Taylor noted that the cost of the automated garbage truck is reduced by \$100,000.00 due to an order for four (4) trucks being placed by a municipality and canceled before delivery and Best Equipment still having two (2) trucks to sell. Mayor McColly indicated that the trade-in or auction of the City's 2019 garbage truck, which has approximately 58,000 miles, will need to be considered and if sold at auction the City can make a principal payment on the new automated garbage truck at any time. Mayor McColly noted that in 2018 the City budgeted \$219,000.00 towards the purchase of this truck and in March 2023 there was \$66,000.00 in the budget for this purchase and there should be some capital carryover from 2024 that could be applied to this purchase. Discussion was held regarding the number of totes to order. It was noted that each sanitation customer subject to individual trash pick-up will receive a tote for their residence from the City at no cost. Mr. Taylor noted that there are approximately two thousand six hundred (2,600) residents who are subject to individual trash pick-up, and it was suggested that two thousand seven hundred (2,700) totes be ordered. Mr. Korte inquired with Mayor McColly regarding the preference for the lease term, and Mayor McColly noted that a three (3) year lease term is preferred. Mr. Voorheis voiced his opposition to the purchase due to there not being solid numbers for the financing with less totes being ordered and not having seen a budget for 2025. Mr. Voorheis also voiced his concerns for not replacing a sanitation employee planning to retire in 2025 and safety issues with only one person running the recycling routes.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to send a letter of intent to Best Equipment Company indicating the City's plan to purchase the automated garbage truck. Upon Voice Vote, Mr. Korte and Mr. Rowe voted Yes and Mr. Voorheis voted No. The Chairman declared the motion carried by a 2-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Rowe, to recommend to City Council to approve the sales proposal from Best Equipment Company and financing from NCL Government Capital for the three (3) year lease of an automated garbage truck at a cost of \$390,000.00 and the purchase of two thousand seven hundred (2,700) totes at a cost of \$66.25 each, with the final cost and freight cost of the totes to be obtained. Upon Voice Vote, Mr. Korte and Mr. Rowe voted Yes and Mr. Voorheis voted No. The Chairman declared the motion carried by a 2-1 vote.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Dale Rowe, Chairman