

**MINUTES
SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Chairman Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Neil Herzberg, Chuck Koshiol, Harry Thielen, Duane Olmscheid, Mike Jensen, Chad Woelfel, and Brandon Michaelis. Also present were Advisory Members Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Don Williamson, West Central Sanitation.

Motion was made by Jensen to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 and March 26, 2015 Environmental Committee meetings. Seconded by Thielen and unanimously carried.

RECYCLING CART PROPOSAL

It was noted that no specifics would be discussed, only whether to negotiate a contract with West Central Sanitation or go out for bids. Don Williamson presented a list of advantages and disadvantages to single stream recycling:

Advantages:

- Reduced sorting efforts by residents
- Significant increase in the volume recycled; by 21%
- Less volume to landfills
- Less chance of injury
- More items can be collected (i.e. junk mail, telephone books, and mixed paper)

Disadvantages:

- Initial capital costs for carts
- Processing costs may increase
- Possible reduced commodity cost due to contamination of paper
- Unwanted contaminants are sent by recycler to landfill
- Potential for diminished public confidence due to unmarketable or contaminated items

Members discussed the proposal and noted that as a community we have a responsibility to recycle. Many residents currently do not recycle simply because it is not convenient and will not take the time to sort the items out. This proposal will add that simplicity and convenience into the system. Members then discussed the service that the City receives from West Central Sanitation is very good and they are very involved in the community. It was also noted that West Central Sanitation's rates are very competitive and what would the City gain by going out for bids.

Motion was made by Aas to re-negotiate the contract with West Central Sanitation and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

COMPOST SITE OPERATIONS

Members reviewed pictures taken at the Compost Site of unacceptable materials. Mergen reviewed some proposed changes:

- Write an ordinance and set up a fine for someone abusing the system, currently there is no fine in place; all the City can do is take away the permit
- Post signage with the fine amount and educate the public of such
- The Hockey Association will instruct their workers they need to inspect the loads coming in and the Association will inspect the site when they leave and pick up any debris that is left

FALL CURB SIDE LEAF PICKUP

Fall curb side leaf pickup is set for Saturday, October 24, 2015. All bags must be set out by 7:00 a.m.

OUTDOOR BURNERS

Members reviewed the proposed ordinance noting this prohibits any outdoor bio-fuel burners and sets standards and requirements for existing units and indoor bio-fuel burners. Traditional wood burning stoves and fire places are exempt from this ordinance. It was noted that the amount of smoke emitted from these units can be a nuisance and to residents with asthma it is more than a nuisance it is a health issue.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the proposed ordinance and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Koshiol and unanimously carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.