



Minutes

Committee #4

Recycling, Computerization, Buildings and Intergovernmental Services

Committee #4 met on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: **Remotely** – Chuck Hull, Paul Olson, and Rob Kiefer

Mayor/Council Members present: **Remotely** – John Monarski

Others present: **Remotely** –Chippewa County Recycling Coordinator Renee Yohnk; Representatives from Express Disposal, Waste Management, Advanced Disposal, and Boxx Sanitation; and City Clerk Bridget Givens.

In-person – Utility Office Manager Connie Freagon.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

1. Discuss options for the City's Recycling Program and Waste Collection including an activity schedule for bid solicitation and requirements for the RFP. Possible recommendations to the Council.

In the last meeting, Committee #4 recommended the Council approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) relative the City's Recycling Program which included the following:

- Five-year contract with a one-year extension option;
- Three bidding options including recycling only, recycling and waste, and waste only with bidders being required to provide a bid on recycling;
- Recycling pickup every other week and waste weekly; and
- Waste containers should be 65 gallon with the ability to request a small container with no reduction in price.

The Council did not approve the recommendation. The item is back before the Committee as the City has a requirement to provide recycling service. In the past, it appeared residents were not in favor of having one waste hauler and wanted the ability to choose their own. The Committee indicated that the RFP would allow the City to gather pricing on waste collection to determine if there would be cost savings for residents, and though pricing was gathered, it would not mean the waste collection bid would have to be accepted. Councilor Monarski appeared and expressed concern that residents may not want one waste hauler and want the ability to choose who provides their service.

Recycling Coordinator Yohnk was directed to work with City Attorney Ferg to draft an RFP that does not include waste collection. It was noted that Committee #4 is in favor of the original RFP which would include an option to bid waste collection.

Motion by Kiefer/Olson to recommend Council choose between an RFP for recycling only or an RFP for recycling which also includes waste collection (noting Committee #4 recommends the original RFP which included both recycling and waste collection). **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Adjournment

Motion by Olson/Kiefer to adjourn at 9:25 am. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

**Minutes submitted by:
Chuck Hull, Chair**