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**City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois
City Council Workshop Meeting
Monday, March 31, 2014**

MINUTES

The Mt. Vernon City Council held a City Council Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 1100 Main Street, old Council Chambers, Mt. Vernon, IL.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present: Council Members Dennis McEnaney, Todd Piper, David Wood and Mayor Mary Jane Chesley. Council Member Ron Lash was absent. City Manager Ron Neibert was also present along with representatives from Republic Services, Inc.

GARBAGE, REFUSE AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE AND DISPOSAL

City Manager Ron Neibert advised that the City sent out specifications for providing garbage, refuse and waste collection and disposal services to seven businesses. The City received only one proposal from Republic Services, Inc. (formerly Midwest Waste), the current provider. Neibert reported that he received no phone calls or emails from other providers, only Republic.

Mt. Vernon Bid Rates - Republic Services

Proposal #	Schedule	Alternate #	Trash	Waste	Option 1 All Cost	Option 2 Subscription	Base	Year 2	Year 3
1			All	9 mos	N/A	N/A	\$801,360	\$825,401	\$850,163
2		Prop 1 + Alt 1	All	12 mos	N/A	N/A	\$810,900	\$835,227	\$860,284
3	Bi-weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 2	All	9 mos	Bi-weekly		\$1,049,400	\$1,081,200	\$1,113,544
	Bi-weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 2	All	9 mos		Bi-weekly	\$906,156	\$932,111	\$959,559
	Weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 2	All	9 mos	Weekly		\$1,154,340	\$1,182,960	\$1,217,304
	Weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 2	All	9 mos		Weekly	\$960,388	\$988,001	\$1,016,907
4	Bi-weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 3	All	12 mos	Bi-weekly		\$1,058,940	\$1,090,740	\$1,125,084
	Bi-weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 3	All	12 mos		Bi-weekly	\$907,614	\$933,569	\$961,017
	Weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 3	All	12 mos	Weekly		\$1,163,880	\$1,192,500	\$1,223,664
	Weekly	Prop 1 + Alt 3	All	12 mos		Weekly	\$962,046	\$989,459	\$1,018,365

All Rates are calculated at 5300 residents.

Subscription Recycle is calculated at 15% participation

PROPOSAL

COLLECTION SERVICE AND DISPOSAL

1 (we), the undersigned, propose to furnish equipment, manpower, required licenses, and permits and disposal as set forth in the specifications which are a part of this proposal, for the collection of garbage/refuse/yard waste and disposal of same at a disposal site selected by Contractor (with all costs of said disposal site being paid by Contractor) for the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017. Contract will be awarded based on the cumulative price for either the options selected.

Annual cost for collection and disposal for residential curbside service, residential yard waste service, service at City and Public facilities, special pick up service and/or furnishing a truck, and trash receptacle service all as per the Contractor provided roller bids as described in Section III paragraph D of the specifications:

Proposal 1:
Three (3) year base contract:

	\$ 801,360	Year 1.
	\$ 825,401	Year 2
	\$ 850,163	Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$ 2,476,924	

Proposal 2:
Proposal #1 plus Alternate 1

	\$ 810,900	Year 1
	\$ 833,160	Year 2
	\$ 857,964	Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$ 2,502,024	

Proposal 3:
Proposal #1 plus Alternate 2

	\$	Year 1
	\$	Year 2
	\$	Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$	

All rates are based on 5,300 homes

Proposal 3:
Proposal #1 plus Alternate 2/w Options:

	Weekly recycling pickup/Option 1
	\$ 1,154,340 Year 1
	\$ 1,182,960 Year 2
	\$ 1,217,304 Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$ 3,554,604

	Bi-Weekly recycling pickup/Option 1
	\$ 1,049,400 Year 1
	\$ 1,081,200 Year 2
	\$ 1,115,544 Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$ 3,246,144

	Weekly recycling pickup/Option 2
	\$ 960,588 Year 1
	\$ 988,001 Year 2
	\$ 1,016,907 Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$ 2,965,496

	Bi-Weekly recycling pickup/Option 2
	\$ 906,156 Year 1
	\$ 932,111 Year 2
	\$ 959,559 Year 3
Cumulative Bid Amount:	\$ 2,797,826

* option 2 recycle rates are based on 15% participation

Proposal 4:
Proposal #1 plus Alternate 3/w Options

Weekly recycling pickup/Option 1

\$ 1,163,880 Year 1

\$ 1,192,500 Year 2

\$ 1,223,664 Year 3

Cumulative Bid Amount: \$ 3,580,044

Bi-Weekly recycling pickup/Option 1

\$ 1,058,940 Year 1

\$ 1,090,740 Year 2

\$ 1,125,084 Year 3

Cumulative Bid Amount: \$ 3,274,764

Weekly recycling pickup/Option 2

\$ 962,046 Year 1

\$ 989,459 Year 2

\$ 1,018,365 Year 3

Cumulative Bid Amount: \$ 2,969,870

Bi-weekly recycling pickup/Option 2

\$ 907,614 Year 1

\$ 933,569 Year 2

\$ 961,017 Year 3

Cumulative Bid Amount: \$ 2,802,200

* Option 2 recycle rates are based
on 15% participation

The group was shown a video about the Republic Services recycling program. The video can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTf_pprZCpo. All of the recycling material goes into one rolling cart (not bins) and is sorted by the Contractor, not the customer. The transfer station is now open in Mt. Vernon at the old Midwest location.

Neibert reported that an informal survey was conducted with a little less than 500 surveys completed which is less than 10% of the City's customers. The survey was contained on the back of the City's water/sewer bills. On the leaf burning ban there were 273 customers opposed to eliminating burning and 219 in favor of eliminating burning. On a recycling program 296 were opposed to recycling and 188 in favor of implementing a recycling program. Council Member Wood asked to go on the record to express his opposition to the survey because it was not scientifically conducted and was not approved by the Council.

After considerable discussion, Council requested Neibert prepare options for the Council to consider. 1) regular pickup, year round landscape waste, mandatory bi-weekly recycling for \$14.14 per month; and 2) regular pickup, year round landscape waste, voluntary/subscription bi-weekly recycling for \$16.49 per month.

There was a brief discussion regarding the bulk waste pickup. Republic suggested that the bulk waste pickup be limited to the first 75-100 customers per week.

Republic also suggested that they not be required to pick up dead animals found on roadways within the City. They will allow employees of the Public Works Department to discard the dead animals at their transfer station.

Leaf burning was briefly discussed with no decision made.

Council members expressed the desire for Republic to thoroughly educate the public regarding the new recycling program. Calendars containing the pickup dates will be disseminated to all the City's customers.

Council Member Wood suggested that the Council start thinking about a serious proposal to put stoplight traffic cameras at major intersections in the City of Mt. Vernon as a way of raising funds for the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McEnaney made a motion to adjourn the City Council Workshop Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Piper. Yeas: McEnaney, Piper, Wood and Chesley. Absent: Lash.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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