

Brenham City Council Minutes

A workshop meeting of the Brenham City Council was held on February 13, 2020 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Brenham City Hall, City Council Chambers, at 200 W. Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas.

Members present:

Mayor Milton Y. Tate, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ebel
Councilmember Susan Cantey
Councilmember Adonna Saunders
Councilmember Keith Herring
Councilmember Albert Wright
Councilmember Clint Kolby

Members absent:

None

Others present:

City Manager James Fisher, City Attorney Cary Bovey, City Secretary – Director of Administrative Services Jeana Bellinger, Assistant City Manager – Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Miller, Human Resources, Melinda Gordon, Chief Ricky Boeker, Interim Police Chief Rusty Pancoast, Public Works Director Dane Rau, Assistant City Manager of Public Services and Utilities Donald Reese, Budget Manager Debbie Gaffey, and Kaci Konieczny

Citizens present:

Perry Thomas, Paul Smith, Brenda McMickle, Blake Brannon, Heather Woolwine, Brandon Roznovsky and Mike Brannon

Media Present:

Josh Blaschke, KWHI

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Discussion and Presentation on an Agreement for Municipal Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling Services Between the City of Brenham and Brannon Industrial Group, LLC d/b/a BVR Waste and Recycling (RFP No. 19-003)

City Manager James Fisher presented this item. Fisher explained that this meeting is a workshop to allow staff an opportunity to update the City Council on the progress and status of the agreement with Brannon Industrial Group (BVR Waste and Recycling) to outsource sanitation services within the City of Brenham. Fisher advised that staff and the City Attorney are still working on the final contract documents, so the information presented at this workshop is still preliminary as no contract terms have been finalized between the City and BVR as of yet.

Public Works Director Dane Rau presented the following information to the City Council:

- **First and Next Steps in the Process**
 - February 13, 2020 – Workshop with Council to discuss sanitation contract with BVR
 - March 2020 – Approval of commercial sanitation contract
 - April 2020 – Approval of residential sanitation contract
 - May 2020 – Approval of transfer/collection station contract

- **Commercial Sanitation and Recycling Services**
 - Currently being provided by Frontier Waste Solutions with front-end load dumpsters and carts
 - City has provided Frontier with 90-day notice of termination
 - Frontier and BVR are already working on a transition plan
 - BVR is negotiating with Frontier to take over commercial services in March 2020
 - Recycling services are currently not provided by Frontier; however, BVR will provide 8-yard dumpsters for weekly, 1X pick-up, of commercial recyclable materials. The proposed rate for commercial recycling is \$40.00 per month.
 - BVR will continue to provide recycling trailers at local schools.
 - City will continue to bill commercial customers for sanitation and recycling services
 - Commercial sanitation rates currently being proposed by BVR are as follows:

| Size/Pick-up Frequency | Current Rate (Frontier) | Proposed Rate (BVR) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2-Yard/1X per week | \$ 65.43 | \$ 70.01 |
| 4-Yard/1X per week | \$ 82.05 | \$ 87.79 |
| 6-Yard/1X per week | Not Available | \$ 96.30 |
| 8-Yard/1X per week | \$ 106.97 | \$ 114.46 |
| Cart/1X per week | \$ 18.69 | \$20.00 |

- **Residential Sanitation and Recycling Services**

- Changing from bag service to 96-gallon carts for curb-side solid waste collection; 1 time per week
- Adding curb-side recycling service utilizing 96-gallon carts
- City will continue to bill residential customers for sanitation and recycling services
- Residential solid waste and recycling costs currently being proposed by BVR are as follows:

| Service Description | Current Rate (COB) | Proposed Rate (BVR) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Residential Sanitation | \$ 13.75 | \$ 10.50 |
| Residential Sanitation – Senior Citizen | \$ 11.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Residential Recycling | Not Available | \$ 3.50 |
| Residential Recycling – Senior Citizen | Not Available | \$ 3.00 |
| Outside City Limits | \$ 20.13 | \$ 20.13 |
| Brush Pick-Up | No Charge | \$15.00 per call |

- **Collection/Transfer Station Services**

- BVR will lease the facility from the City. The lease terms are still being negotiated
- BVR will purchase some of the City’s fleet vehicles and equipment
- BVR will assume full responsibility for all non-fleet equipment and fixtures currently located at the facility. Any maintenance, repair and/or replacement will be the full responsibility of BVR
- BVR will maintain the same operating hours at the facility (Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM and Saturday 8AM to 4PM)
- BVR will be responsible for all utility bills and property taxes for the facility
- BVR will customers for services at the facility
- BVR will provide for a recycling drop-off station at the facility for Washington County residents (non-city) and local businesses. There will be fee for this service.
- The fee schedule currently being proposed by BVR for services at the Collection/Transfer Station are as follows:

| Service | Current Rate (COB) | Proposed Rate (BVR) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Trash Bags | \$ 2.00 | \$ 2.00 |
| Residential Brush – Per Ton | \$ 22.50 | \$ 22.50 |
| Commercial Brush – Per Ton | \$ 22.50 | \$ 32.50 |
| Brush – City of Brenham Dept | \$ 22.50 | \$ 22.50 |
| Tires – 16’ or greater | \$ 7.50 | \$ 7.00 |
| Rake Off Debris | \$ 15.00 | \$ 15.00 |
| Compactible Waste – Per Ton | \$ 45.50 | \$ 48.00 |
| Non-Compactible Waste – Per Ton | \$ 90.00 | \$ 90.00 |

- **Other Miscellaneous Items of Interest**
 - BVR will pay the City a billing fee and an exclusive franchise fee
 - BVR will continue to host the City and County Spring Clean-Up events
 - BVR will provide sanitation services on more days throughout the year as they only recognize three holidays (New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)
 - BVR will provide sanitation and recycling services to all City facilities free of charge

The meeting was adjourned.

Milton Y. Tate, Jr.

Mayor

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary

