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WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC MEETING
NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION
May 5, 2020

Mayor
Erik Craythorne
City Council
Gary Petersen, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Chatterton
Andy Dawson
R. Kent Henderson
Annette Judd
City Manager
Kyle Laws

Administrative Session
6:00 PM

Minutes for the West Point City Council Administrative Session held via electronic Zoom Meeting, accessible to attendees by entering Meeting ID #82091048724 at <https://zoom.us/join> or by telephone at (669) 900-6833, on May 5, 2020 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Erik Craythorne presiding.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Erik Craythorne, Council Member Gary Petersen, Council Member Annette Judd, Council Member Kent Henderson, Council Member Andy Dawson, and Council Member Jerry Chatterton

EXCUSED: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kyle Laws, City Manager; Boyd Davis, Assistant City Manager; Ryan Harvey, Administrative Services Director; Paul Rochell, Public Works Director; and Casey Arnold, City Recorder

EXCUSED: None

VISITORS PRESENT: Visitors able to attend electronically, no sign-in required.

1. Discussion Regarding the FY2021 Tentative Budget for West Point City & All Related Agencies – Mr. Ryan Harvey

Mr. Harvey stated that this begins the discussion regarding the Budget for FY2021. The Tentative Budget is planned to be adopted at the June 2, 2020 meeting, and the Final Budget will need to be approved at the June 16, 2020 meeting unless the Council decides to go through the Truth in Taxation process, which will delay adoption of the Final Budget until August.

Mr. Harvey reviewed the FY2021 Tentative Budget as included in the Staff Report:

General Fund Revenues

Mr. Harvey presented a graph of General Fund revenues over the past 10 years, which have slowly increased from 2010 to 2015, and have then increased at an even higher rate since 2015. In regards to FY2020, which ends on June 30th, 2020, Mr. Harvey stated that with the uncertainty of the economy in light of recent events caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Fund Revenues may not meet the projected amounts during these last few months of the Fiscal Year. That being said, Mr. Harvey stated that it does appear at this point that the General Fund Revenues for FY2020 will at least meet the total General Fund Revenues of FY2019. Sales Tax Revenues for FY2020 have also continued to increase, although again, these last few months will likely have an impact on the total increase. Staff projects that FY2020 Sales Tax Revenues will be over \$1.5 million

Mr. Harvey also presented a graph of the General Fund Surplus amount that has been transferred into the Capital Projects Fund over the last 15 years; the amount has varied, but due to conservative revenue projections and budgeting, the City has had a surplus in the General Fund at the end of each Fiscal Year that has been able to be transferred. The transfer at the end of FY2019 was roughly \$959,000, which is quite a significant amount.

In regards to the FY2021 Budget, with the uncertainty of how the economy will be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Harvey stated that Staff feels it best to be conservative and used the revenue projections of FY2019 as a baseline of where to project FY2021 revenues, rather than expecting revenues to continue to rise. There are no revenue line items that Staff is proposing to increase, and the following are the significant revenue sources that Staff is proposing to decrease:

- Sales Tax – \$1,300,000 (a decrease of \$100,000)
- Class C Road Revenue - \$200,000 (a decrease of \$175,000)
- Building Permits - \$200,000 (a decrease of \$110,000)

Mr. Laws stated that as Mr. Harvey mentioned, the Council needs to consider whether or not they wish to go through the Truth in Taxation process. Through the last few weeks and months, Mr. Laws explained that his initial thought was that Staff would recommend not going through TNT because of the uncertainty of the job market and economy, even though it has been the Council's practice over the past few years. However, after considering and discussing the issue with other City Managers, he has shifted from his original position and feels that because of the uncertainty the pandemic has caused and the timing of it with the end of the fiscal year, it would be beneficial to go through the TNT process if only to have the few more months it allows before having to approve the Final Budget. He does not think Staff would recommend actually increasing the property tax rate at this point, but that is for the Council to discuss and decide. Council Member Petersen agreed, stating that it "would be wise" to go through TNT for the reasons Mr. Laws mentioned, simply because of how rapidly things are changing and progressing with the pandemic. He would be in favor of communicating the reasons behind going through TNT to residents when noticing for TNT. Mayor Craythorne also agreed. Mr. Laws stated that the proposed property tax rate being noticed to residents as part of the TNT process could be set so that it is clear the Council is not actually considering a rate increase to alleviate residents' concerns. Although there was a general consensus, the Council does not have to officially decide to go through TNT at this time and will continue to consider and discuss the options.

Personnel Budget Changes

Mr. Harvey explained that most employee salaries and benefit expenses are allocated across multiple funds and reviewed the following proposed budgetary impacts of personnel changes:

2% Merit Increase (\$22,539) – It has been the City's compensation philosophy to provide employees with a 2% merit increase each year based upon positive performance. An additional cost-of-living adjustment of 2% is also provided every other year. These increases are not guaranteed, but are subject to budgetary constraints, as approved by the City Council. For Fiscal Year 2021, we propose that a 2% merit increase be included in the budget for full-time and regular part-time employees. The impact of this increase is \$22,539 across all funds, with \$13,818 from the General Fund. Mr. Harvey stated that Staff recognizes the current uncertain economic times and the effect it may have on budget capabilities. As a result, Staff would like direction from the Council on the possibility of a merit increase in this year's budget. The Council had no discussion or comments to make on this item at this time.

Benefits Increase (\$13,047) – The City's health insurance plan renewed January 1, 2020, and the actual increase was less than 2%. The proposed budget includes a 12% increase to current health premiums, amounting to less than a 2% increase from last year's budget. Also, because of salaries increasing slightly, there were increases to benefits that correlate with salaries. This results in an increase of \$13,047 across all funds.

Public Works Inspector (\$91,164) – This position was discussed at the Council Visioning Session in January. The City is in need of a full-time inspector for the Public Works Department to inspect underground infrastructure as it is installed. The total cost of adding this position is \$91,164, which consists of \$55,162 in salary, and \$36,002 in benefits across all funds. Mr. Davis commented that of all the personnel positions being proposed, this is the most needed; with the current Staff available, it has been difficult to ensure that these vital inspections are being sufficiently completed. Mr. Laws added that as this position will be part of the Public Works Department, they would also have additional duties. The option of evaluating and adjusting the City's current Building Permit Fees to help fund this position in order to reduce the burden to other funds was proposed by Staff and the Council agreed that these fees would be a good funding source. Mr. Laws stated that Staff would research this and provide more information in upcoming meetings.

Public Works Position (\$71,813) – This position was also discussed at the Council Visioning Session in January and it was agreed that the City is in need of another full-time Public Works position. However, Mr. Laws stated that when Public Works Lead employee Kenny England left, we found an individual better suited for Parks and backfilled that additional Public Works position with a new Parks position. As such, Staff would have originally requested a new Parks position at this time, but the request now is to bring back the request for an additional Public Works position. The total cost of adding this position is \$71,813, which consists of \$39,813 in salary, and \$32,000 in benefits across all funds.

City Planner Position (\$97,213) – This position was also discussed at the Council Visioning Session in January. With the continued growth of the City, we are finding that the Community Development Department is being stretched thinner and thinner. As a result, Staff would like to request another full-time planner position. The total cost of adding this position is \$97,213, which consists of \$58,510 in salary, and \$37,532 in benefits in the General Fund.

The Council was in agreement that the proposed additional positions were needed within the City and will continue to discuss the proposed personnel budget changes in future meetings.

General Fund Department Budget Requests

Mr. Harvey reviewed the following General Fund Department budget requests that are not related to regular personnel expenses:

Youth Court (\$3,000) – The Syracuse Youth Court recently asked if West Point would like to join them, and the principal at West Point Jr. High expressed interest in participating. The Council discussed this in March, and were in favor of joining them. Staff is proposing to allocate \$3,000 for the Youth Court for FY2021.

Public Safety (\$25,000) – Staff proposes an increase of \$12,000 to the Animal Control Budget as a result of Davis County shifting more expenses to participating cities. Additionally, Mr. Harvey stated the discussions have not yet begun regarding a new agreement with Davis County regarding Law Enforcement Services, so as of now Staff proposes budgeting for a 5% increase, or \$13,000 in FY2021. Mr. Laws stated that the current contract is for a one-year term but the DCSO has not reached out to discuss a new agreement. However, he does not expect that an increase would be as much as it was last year and feels comfortable with the 5% projection.

Recreation (\$2,000) – Currently the Recreation Department only has \$400 budgeted for Training and Education. It costs approximately \$1,000 to send a person to St. George for a training, so Staff is proposing increasing the budget by \$2,000 so each of the full-time Recreation Employees can attend the Utah Recreation & Parks Association (URPA) conference in St. George. Mr. Laws stated that Paul Rochell and Don Todd with the Public Works Department also attend the conference each year for the parks side of the information, and have recommended that either Kelly Ross (Recreation Director) and/or Karly Norwood (Recreation Coordinator) also attend the conference for the recreation aspect. Both attended this conference this year for the first time prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and found it to be very beneficial and would like to continue attending in the future. In fact, they are using the downtime right now to draft policies and procedures they learned about that they feel will benefit the City and our programs.

Transfers (-\$594,879) – Staff proposes a budgeted decrease of \$419,879 from the transfer to the Capital Projects Fund as a result of the decreased budgeted revenue as discussed above. Staff also proposes a decrease of \$175,000 from the transfer of Class C Revenue.

Mayor Craythorne thanked Mr. Harvey for his presentation. The Council will continue to discuss the budget through the next few meetings.

2. Discussion Regarding the Sunview Estates Subdivision Phase I – Mr. Boyd Davis

Mr. Davis stated that the Sunview Estates Subdivision is located at 1100 N 5000 W and is owned and being developed by Mark Thayne. The property was formally known as “The Sod Farm.” The property was recently rezoned to the R-1 PRUD zone and Mr. Thayne is now requesting final approval for Phase I of the Subdivision. This first phase consists of 1.6 acres and contains 6 lots, ranging in size from 10,140 sq. ft. to 12,749 sq. ft. All of these 6 lots are able to connect directly to the gravity sewer line and therefore do not require a lift station. Phase I has received final approval by the Planning Commission, subject to the storm water drainage issue being resolved.

The plan calls for the storm water to drain to the west, eventually draining across Lynn Kirkman’s property. There is disagreement between Mr. Kirkman and Mr. Thayne about the drainage plan, as Mr. Kirkman is concerned that the water quality will be changed and could potentially harm his cattle. The City has been working with both parties for several months, hoping that they could resolve the issue between themselves but they have not yet been able to come to a resolution. In absence of that agreement, Staff reached out to the City’s Attorney, Felshaw King, for his opinion, which is included with the Staff Report. Mr. King is of the opinion that if Mr. Thayne can effectively control the quality and quantity of the water, he should receive approval by the City. The City’s Code requires that the developer submit a storm drain plan, which includes a water quality component, that must be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer. As the City Engineer, Mr. Davis stated that he has reviewed the submitted storm drain plan and found that it addresses both the water quantity and quality component; a detention pond will be used to control the quantity of the water flow and also help aid in controlling the water quality. This detention pond will have the capacity to hold drainage from a “100-year storm” which is the City’s standard requirement. Additionally, the plan calls for two “Snouts”, which is a brand name of an oil and water separator mechanism and filtering system. Generally, only one Snout is included in a storm drain plan, but this storm drain plan calls for a Snout at both the entrance to the pond to prevent oil and debris from reaching the pond and another at the outlet of the pond to further filter the water before reaching Kirkman’s property. However, Mr. Davis stated that he has no standard of which to base an opinion of whether the quality of water is safe for cattle and can only state that this is a typical, widely accepted storm drain plan and is a reasonable method to control water quantity and quality from a residential subdivision. Mr. Davis also confirmed for Mayor Craythorne that although submitted before the new State regulations requiring that detention ponds in new subdivisions retain the water on site, this detention pond would have the capacity to retain the water from almost all storms and would comply with those new standards.

Mr. Davis stated that although the City has received a legal opinion, it would be best if the two property owners could come to an agreement or resolution themselves. Council Member Petersen agreed and proposed that Mr. Kirkman’s approval be received by the City before the Council grants its approval. Mr. Laws noted that the legal counsel received is that if the subdivision meets the

requirements, approval by the City cannot be dependent on approval from neighboring property owners. The lingering question, however, is knowing whether the quality of the water will remain safe for cattle at the pre-development level. Mr. King reached out to the Utah Department of Agriculture for their standards on which to base water quality, but was informed that the Utah Division of Water Quality would be the organization to set those regulations and their opinion has not yet been received. Mr. Laws reiterated that the best option would be for Mr. Thayne and Mr. Kirkman to come to an agreement amongst themselves.

Mayor Craythorne stated that both Mr. Thayne and Mr. Kirkman were electronically attending the meeting, and invited Mr. Kirkman to share his comments on the issue. Mr. Kirkman stated that he has been in contact with Jeanne Riley from the Utah Division of Water Quality (801-539-4369), who has provided some advisement on water quality levels and he invited the City to contact her with their questions. Mr. Kirkman stated that he is "willing to work with [Mr. Thayne] but wants it done right." Mr. Davis confirmed for Mayor Craythorne that the drainage from this subdivision (being developed by Mr. Thayne) does pass through the Stoddard's property that is currently being developed by Psion Homes. Staff has encouraged the two developers to work together on some sort of joint storm water drainage plan, but if not able to, it would be best if both could make separate agreements with Mr. Kirkman.

Mayor Craythorne invited Mr. Thayne to share his thoughts on the issue. Mr. Thayne stated that he and Mr. Kirkman have met multiple times on the situation and he has been presented with the storm drain plan that was submitted to the City. Mr. Thayne stated that this storm drain plan "slows the flow of this subdivision down in excess of any other detention pond in the City because it is many-times larger than it needs to be; it was not designed for a detention pond, but that is what [we] are using it for." Further, Mr. Thayne stated that "there is no other development that [he] knows of where people do double protection" like a second Spout. Mr. Thayne stated that he and Mr. Kirkman "see things differently" but he feels that he meets the standards set by City Code and that he is entitled to approval of the subdivision. He added that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Kirkman again, but is unsure how the discrepancies that exist can be resolved.

Mr. Kirkman added that he and Mr. Thayne have also discussed the sewer system of this development, and whether the line being installed would have the capacity to handle additional use if Mr. Kirkman ever built homes on his property. Mr. Thayne stated that he "has gone to great lengths" to ensure that the sewer system and land elevations would be able to serve Mr. Kirkman's property in the future, going "above and beyond" what is required of him to do so, but that the storm water drainage is an entirely separate issue and the sewer plan should not come into consideration.

Mayor Craythorne stated that if the Council has any questions on what has been discussed and the information that has been presented, that they reach out to Staff or to Mr. Thayne and Mr. Kirkman directly. He reiterated that the counsel from the City Attorney is that if the storm water plan meets the requirements of the City Code, then the City has an obligation to approve it; it would, again, be best if Mr. Kirkman and Mr. Thayne could come to their own agreement on a solution before the Council is asked to consider the item for approval at the next meeting. Mr. Laws added that Staff will reach out to Jeanne Riley from the Utah Division of Water Quality to get more information about the water quality issue and pass that information along to the Council.

3. Discussion Regarding the Setbacks in the R-4 Zone – Mr. Boyd Davis

Due to time restrictions, this item will be discussed in the General Session.

4. Discussion Regarding a Requested Amendment to the Garbage Collection Contract with Econo Waste, Inc. – Mr. Kyle Laws

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5. Other Items

No other items were discussed.

The Administrative Session adjourned.



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General Session
7:00 PM

Minutes for the General Session of the West Point City Council held via electronic Zoom Meeting, accessible to attendees by entering Meeting ID #82091048724 at <https://zoom.us/join> or by telephone at (669) 900-6833, on May 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Erik Craythorne presiding.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Erik Craythorne, Council Member Gary Petersen, Council Member Annette Judd, Council Member Kent Henderson, Council Member Andy Dawson, and Council Member Jerry Chatterton

EXCUSED: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kyle Laws, City Manager; Boyd Davis, Assistant City Manager; Ryan Harvey, Administrative Services Director; Paul Rochell, Public Workers Director; and Casey Arnold, City Recorder

EXCUSED: None

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1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Craythorne welcomed those attending the electronic meeting.
Prayer – given by Council Member Dawson
2. **Communications and Disclosures from City Council and Mayor**

Council Member Kent Henderson – None

Council Member Dawson – None

Council Member Chatterton – None

Council Member Petersen – None

Council Member Judd – None

Mayor Craythorne – Expressed his appreciation to Council and Staff for their patience and willingness to conduct and participate in these electronic meetings and thanked those attending the meeting electronically.

3. **Communications from Staff**

Mr. Laws provided an update to the Council and the COVID-19 situation and the City, stating that although adjustments have been made, providing the same level of service to residents has been going well and he is unaware of any complaints. Most meetings are being held virtually, some members of Staff are still working from home, and plans are being made to safely open City Hall to the public once appropriate. Those plans include cough shields at the front desk counters, sign posting, sanitizing practices and equipment, etc.

Mr. Laws stated that due to equipment sanitization issues and spectator control, it is likely that the Softball and Baseball Season will have to be canceled; a final decision will be made within the next week. Similarly, a final decision regarding the Party at the

Point on July 4th has not yet been made, but as mass gatherings are one of the last things that will be allowed to return it does not look promising. Discussions and meetings with other cities are ongoing, collaborating and sharing ideas about how to still offer some summer events. Mr. Laws added that the caution tape at the Loy Blake Park has been taken down, which seems to reflect the popular feeling of residents that the transition into the "Orange Phase" means that everything is open and life is back to normal. However, it is clear that playgrounds are still closed in the Orange Phase and signs have been placed at the City Parks detailing what is and isn't allowed when using the parks in the Orange Phase.

The Cemetery Cleaning will be held this Thursday, May 7th, followed by the Take Pride in West Point Day and Annual Spring Clean-Up on Friday and Saturday. This year's Take Pride in West Point Day is focused on residents' taking pride in their own yards and properties, so holding it in conjunction with the Spring Clean-Up will provide an easy way for residents to get rid of their waste.

4. Citizen Comment

(Comment made via Zoom Chat Tool)

Richard Wood – 2886 W 600 N: Mr. Wood inquired as to whether there was any update or more information available on his request at the March 3rd, 2020 City Council Meeting for a change to the City's accessory apartment ordinance regarding rear setback requirements. In his original comment, Mr. Woods stated that he recently began constructing an accessory building on his property, passing all the inspections up to the 4-way, at which he point he was informed that he did not have enough of a setback to obtain an occupancy permit.

Mr. Laws stated that Staff is working with the land use consultants to review the City's entire Land Use Code, and he feels that this would be a good opportunity to consider changing that requirement to be more comparable with other surrounding cities, and also contribute to loosening restrictions for affordable housing availability.

5. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes from the April 7, 2020 West Point City Council Meeting

Council Member Petersen motioned to approve the Minutes from the April 7, 2020 West Point City Council Meeting

Council Member Chatterton seconded the motion

The Council unanimously agreed

Administrative Session Items:

3. Discussion Regarding the Setbacks in the R-4 Zone – Mr. Boyd Davis

Mr. Davis stated that Jake Shepherd has made a request that the City consider changing the front yard setback requirements in the R-4 zone from 25 ft. to 20 ft. The R-4 zone allows townhomes, and Jake Shepherd is planning a development on property in the R-4 zone and feels that a 20 ft. setback is appropriate for the townhouses. However, the concern about a 20 ft. setback is whether the length of the driveway would allow enough room for large vehicles, like a truck, to park without blocking the sidewalks.

Mr. Davis stated that there are three existing townhouse projects in the City to use in comparison: the Yalecrest Towns project developed by Ivory Homes has a variety of setbacks ranging from 9 ft. to 29 ft., the Sandy Point Townhouse project's setbacks range from 20 ft. to 25 ft., and the Lakepoint Village project includes some townhouses with setbacks ranging from 19 ft. to 23 ft. Mr. Davis stated that the average long-bed truck is about 23 ft. and so it appears that a 20 ft. setback might not be quite long enough for this particular type of vehicle.

Council Member Petersen inquired as to how smaller setbacks exist in these mentioned subdivisions if the R-4 zone requires a 25 ft. setback. Mr. Davis stated that he believes these subdivisions entered into developers' agreements with the City that allowed for some variance in the setbacks, but would research exactly how those came to be and share that

information the Council. Mr. Davis also answered for Council Member Petersen that he believes the reason Mr. Shepherd is requesting smaller setbacks is to have more room in the back of the properties.

Mayor Craythorne invited Mr. Shepherd to comment on what is driving his request. Mr. Shepherd is a current Planning Commissioner for the City and stated that the Planning Commission has been discussing a zone between the current R-3 and R-4 zones, and the question has been raised about why both the R-2 and R-3 zones allow for a 20 ft. setback but the R-4 does not. The Planning Commission has wondered if it was an oversight or a mistake in the Code, and "cleaning that up" has been a suggestion as part of creating the new zone. With that, as he develops this subdivision, he would like to have the flexibility the 20 ft. setback allows for in the R-4 zone as it is already allowed in zones with smaller density. He does not want to speak for the Planning Commission, but felt that there was a general consensus that a 20 ft. setback in the R-4 zone was acceptable.

Council Member Petersen inquired as to whether approval of this request would be done via an ordinance change or a developer's agreement. Mr. Laws stated that the Planning Commission is considering it as an ordinance change and will be holding a public hearing on May 14th. The item is being brought to the Council at this point to offer their thoughts to the Planning Commission for consideration in advance of the public hearing. Council Member Petersen inquired as to whether there would be an HOA that would regulate vehicles blocking the sidewalks. Mr. Shepherd stated that blocking a sidewalk anywhere in the City is already prohibited, but he would be in favor of including that in the HOA restrictions. He also added that there would be additional parking available in the parking lot for over-sized vehicles.

Mayor Craythorne stated that if Council has any further questions, they should direct those to Staff or to Council Member Judd who can pass that information along as the Council's liaison to the Planning Commission. This item will be on an agenda for future discussion.

4. Discussion Regarding a Requested Amendment to the Garbage Collection Contract with Econo Waste, Inc. – Mr. Kyle Laws

Mr. Laws stated that on April 23rd, the City received a letter from Val Sanders of Econo Waste, Inc. requesting an increase to the first black garbage can fee by \$.30, per month, per resident. The City currently pays \$3.20 per can and this would increase that to \$3.50. The letter indicated that there had not been a fee increase to the City since 2008, yet operating costs have increased significantly. After the April 23rd letter was received, Mr. Laws spoke with Mr. Sanders, raising the question of why the fee wasn't adjusted in the current contract with the City that began February 2017 and has a term of five years. Further, the agreement states that "City agrees to pay the Collector the sum of \$3.20 per month per residence for the first trash can and \$1.50 per month per residence for any additional trash can. Collector further guarantees these fees for the period covering the duration of the agreement as stipulated in Section 6 below." (Section 5(A)) (emphasis added) and Mr. Laws also raised his concern over the fact that the agreement guarantees the price for five years, yet Econo Waste is requesting to increase the fee only three years in. In response to that discussion, Mr. Sanders provided a follow-up letter on April 24th with more information about why they are requesting to raise the fee before the expiration of the contract. Mr. Laws outlined those reasons to the Council as stated below:

- The Consumer Price Index has risen 4.2% from 2017 to the end of 2019
- The average wage for a qualified driver has risen from approximately \$18.00/hr to \$25.00/hr. Drivers are one of our most valuable assets, and as such, we pay these higher wages to ensure we are providing the best quality service to your City.
- We have been using Poulton Insurance for our insurance needs for the last 8 years, and in that time we have never had to file a claim. However, our insurance premiums have increase by \$22,000 per year.
- We wish to continue providing West Point with the best service possible and believe that this small increase will allow us to do so.

Mr. Laws stated that Econo Waste has been great to work with and has provided a good service; when there have been problems, they are quick to respond and find resolution. Mr. Laws added that the fee offered to the City in 2017 was a great price and was a main factor in renewing the contract with Econo Waste. Additionally, Mr. Laws stated that the agreement also states in Section 6(B) that the agreement "may be modified via the mutual cooperation of both the City

and the Collector.” While this isn’t a large fee increase, it is concerning that the agreement “guarantees” a price for 5 years and Mr. Laws stated that Staff has discussed a few different options for the Council to consider. One option would be to implement the \$.30 increase over two years rather than all at once. Another option to consider would be to renegotiate a new five-year agreement, allowing us to lock in an agreeable price for an additional three years. Council Member Dawson agreed with that section option, suggesting that the new agreement outline a gradual step-increase in the fees. Council Member Petersen stated that Econo Waste has provided a great service and he would like to maintain that relationship. However, the City should make sure that the fees being paid are market-based. Mr. Laws stated that a request for bids could be set out, but noted that when it was done in 2017, “there was no comparison’ with the low rate offered by Econo Waste.

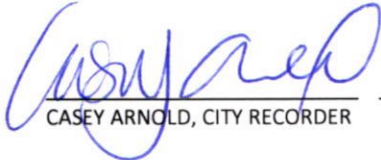
The Council agreed that prices have increased and that even with the requested increase, it is likely that the City would still be receiving the best price and Econo Waste has provided a great service. Staff was instructed to gather information about the fees being paid by other cities for the Council to consider and to discuss some of the options presented to Mr. Sanders. That information will be provided at the next meeting for further discussion.

6. Motion to Adjourn the General Session

Council Member Chatterton motioned to adjourn the General Session
Council Member Judd seconded the motion
The Council unanimously agreed



ERIK R. CRAYTHORNE, MAYOR June 2nd, 2020



CASEY ARNOLD, CITY RECORDER June 2nd, 2020

