

Board of Sanitation

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Board of Works Members Dave Harrison, Sandra Seward and Mayor Buckley Present. Also, in attendance were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes were read and approved by voice vote.

Reports:

Approval of Claims: Mayor Buckley gave a brief description of the claims.

- **Manual Claims in the Amount of: \$1105.34** Sandra Seward made a motion to accept the claims. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote
- **Regular Claims in the Amount of: \$12,759.14** Sandra Seward made a motion to accept the claims. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business: None


New Business: Report on how trash is picked up. Director of public works Brad Meriweather stated the Fully Automated trash truck is not the most efficient way of picking up trash in our

city. The city employees have done the best job they could do to try and make this process work. Tom Wilson of Department of Public Works stated we have one fully automated truck it was purchased new in 2006 from Best equipment for \$235,000.00. This is our newest vehicle it has 41,000 miles on it. Since purchasing this truck we have put an additional \$50,000.00 in maintenance. This truck is down 70% of the time. He stated he feels like this truck is a lemon, and we need to cut our losses and move on. He stated we have spent over \$500,000.00 to try and make automation work. He said he likes the idea of the Totes. He said our other vehicles are a 2000 Sterling, 1995 Ford, 1995 with floor falling out of it rear loaders Tom's recommendation would be for us to go with two rear loaders with tipper arms and keep the 2000 Sterling as a backup. Rodney Giffin a 9 year employee of city stated Totes, is the best the fully automated truck can do. This truck will not work in the alleys. This truck does not work well on one way streets you have to go down one side then turn around and go back down the street going the wrong direction. He stated routes are ran four days a week, they do not run on Monday's although they do pick up nine dumpsters at various locations on Monday. He stated only about 20% of citizens put all there trash in their Totes. He was asked if it would be easier if there was an ordinance in place to enforce citizens to place their trash in Totes. He said this would be helpful. He said the rear loaders with tippers make their job easier. He said with the open hopper, they can put bigger items in the hopper. They can put a cable system on these trucks to pickup a dumpster. This truck is capable of doing all needs regarding trash pickup. Rodney's recommendation was the city goes with the semi-automated rear loader truck. The full automated truck in 2006 was \$230,000.00 the new semi-automated rear loader with tippers runs around \$175,000.00 today. This truck is not only cheaper, it fits the cities needs better Sandra asked Brad how many trucks they needed he replied two new trucks and the 2000 Sterling rear loader as a backup. He also stated as far as the 2006 fully automated truck his recommendation would be for the city to auction it off. The Mayor stated he would like the Board to think on how they would like to proceed on trash pickup at their next meeting. JoEllen Castetler commented on her trash and said her service is perfect. She said when the Totes first started everything was supposed to be put in trash bags before being put in the Totes. She felt the procedures were never explained well to the community. She also stated there was a fee for extra trash that was put out. Brad also said the ordinance on fees was part of the reason why automation did not work. JoEllen asked how many people should be on the trash truck; Brad answered three: one driver, two helpers.

Comments from the Board: None

Miscellaneous: Next Board of Works Meeting Monday, is March 5, 2012

Adjournment: Dave Harrison made motion to adjourn. Sandra Seward seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Adjournment was at 6:35 pm.



Dennis Buckley, Mayor



Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer