

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 5 PM**

Mayor Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm with the following members present: Mayor Patricia Carlson; Council members Robert Knowles, Shawn Sullivan, Vicky Ethen, and Jeremy Kunshier.

Also present: City Administrator Angela Grafstrom, Utility Superintendent Dan Eklund, Chief of Police Eric Baumgart, Diana Siebels from Waste Management and Matt Pflugi from Quality Disposal.

SANITATION SERVICE PROPOSALS

The City's current sanitation service contract with Waste Management terminates 12/31/19. The council held off on their decision at the last meeting as Mayor Carlson wanted to gather more information from the business community and homeowners. A letter was sent to businesses, along with a copy of the proposal spreadsheet for the businesses to evaluate and comment. Carlson reviewed complaints made showing actual customer billings with inconsistencies in the fees.

Ethen asked Grafstrom to review her criteria on the evaluation sheet. Grafstrom emphasized this was just her example and the council should use their own criteria to evaluate the services.

One of the biggest concerns with Waste Management has been their inconsistency in billing. The other concern has been overall customer service. Waste Management clarified that whether the city stuck with them or not, people would not lose their jobs. Council asked questions of Siebels from Waste Management and Pflugi of Quality Disposal. Ethen expressed concerns over which landfill is being used by the companies.

Councilor Ethen has had no issues with Waste Management and her husband's business does not want to pay more for garbage. Councilor Sullivan says he works with Quality and that would be his choice, but he will abstain from voting because of the business dealings he has with the company. Carlson shared a report from the Better Business Bureau which stated Waste Management had an A+ rating, but there were 1548 complaints against the company and 579 were closed last year. When she looked at Google ratings, Waste Management had 3 ½ stars and Quality Disposal had a 5 star rating.

Councilor Kunshier motioned to award Quality Disposal the City's 3 year sanitation contract beginning in 2020. Seconded by Mayor Carlson. Carlson and Kunshier voted yes, Ethen and Knowles voted against. Sullivan Abstained. Mayor Carlson used her tie breaking vote as Mayor and the motion carried.

EVENT PERMIT SYATP (See You At The Pole Rally)

Councilor Ethen motioned to approve the Resolution 19-21 authorizing the See You at the Pole Event Permit. Seconded by Councilor Sullivan and carried unanimously.

ST. FLORIAN REMODELER'S CHANGE ORDER FOR CITY SHOP

Grafstrom and Eklund reported we are still struggling to get the paperwork from St. Florian Remodelers, but they did submit a change order. The contract he did turn in, he had changed the date, which he really cannot do. Grafstrom had spoken with the City Attorney who said we can't do anything as far as getting a different contractor unless St. Florian has not fulfilled the contract by the completion date of 10/31/19. Eklund stated converting the space from cold storage to heated makes it necessary to approve the change order. Ethen asked if they should proceed to approve the change order and Grafstrom stated, the council could approve the change order, just in case he moves forward, otherwise they will have to schedule another meeting to approve the change order.

Councilor Sullivan approved the St. Florian Remodelers Change order for \$25,700 contingent on the City receiving the proper paperwork. Seconded by Councilor Ethen and carried unanimously

FRANSEN DONATION

Frandsen Bank is looking for a donation to help with the Community Halloween Project. Mayor Carlson stated this has been done in the past. Ethen suggested our police officers donate their time to the event. Mayor Carlson stated they have their own event, Trunk and Treat going on already.

Councilor Ethen motioned to approve a donation to the Community Halloween Project in the amount of \$150.00. Seconded by Councilor Kunshier and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Councilor Ethen moved to adjourn the special council meeting of September 23, 2019. Motion was seconded by Councilor Knowles and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Submitted by Angela Grafstrom
City Administrator