

AD HOC REFUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Refuse Committee was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 and was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

PRESENT: Jim Snoeyink, Matt Biolette, Jeff Mikula

ABSENT: Mike Quinn, Jim Grabowski, Nicole Knapp

OTHERS: City Manager Thad Taylor, Jim Smith and Roger Zielinski

PURPOSE: To discuss and provide recommendations to City Council on the collection and disposal of refuse/garbage city-wide.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Thad Taylor provided background information. Committee members were provided a copy of the current refuse ordinance, recent proposed changes to the ordinance and copies of minutes from the meetings this subject was discussed by Council.

Items discussed:

- Current downtown collection program.
- Needs and onsite storage varies all along River Street and on both sides of the street. Some businesses have back alleys and property to store containers, others do not.
- Some businesses are high volume users, others are not.
- DDA explored centralized dumpsters in the past; a suitable location was never identified.
- Some cities use a compactor disposal site, accessible by key or card for the approved users. Pros and cons including inconvenience and large capital cost to implement.
- Discussed whether changing the pick-up day would be helpful. Currently garbage is picked up Monday and Thursday in the downtown.
- Aesthetics is an issue. Businesses that are closed on Sunday put their trash out on Saturday and then the downtown looks bad until after pickup. This is also a city-wide issue.
- Discussed bulky item program.
- Discussed placing totes in the roadway during the winter.
- Discussed enforcement of the current ordinance.
- It was suggested to look at options from other communities.
- Discussed current rate structure. The DDA collects the 1.5 mills for refuse. Could help cover the costs of collection/disposal in the DDA.
- Discussed adding someone from the DDA Board to this committee.

- Enforcement discussed again. Issues arise when renters leave large piles of trash on the curb when they move out.
- Discussed growth issues happening across the country and the impact it has on DPW services.
- As a first step this committee will focus on the downtown specifically and then look at city-wide services.

CONSENSUS

Committee will take a step back and look at options and analyze the current program. Mayor Smith will select a DDA Board member to take a seat on this committee. Matt Biolette will prepare three to five options available for the downtown area; along with soft cost estimates for review and discussion at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

MOTION to adjourn by Jeff Mikula, second by Jim Snoeyink to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Cynthia Lokovich, CAP OM
Executive Secretary