

AD HOC REFUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Refuse Committee was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 and was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, Manistee, Michigan.

PRESENT: Jim Grabowski, Matt Biolette, Mike Quinn, Jeff Mikula, Nicole Knapp

ABSENT: Jim Snoeyink

OTHERS: Roger Zielinski

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

DISCUSSION

- Minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were distributed.
- Jeff Mikula reported on DDA dumpsters: Engineer of Record preparing draft designs that are flexible to fit any site. Dumpster sites still being determined: One in the parking lot behind PNC, east of the PNC parking lot; and DDA looking to acquire the Art Park property as a possible dumpster location.
- City Staff and City Attorney will work on an ordinance amendment regarding trash on River Street and use of the dumpsters.
- Matt Biolette reviewed three city-wide refuse options:
 - Current system with contract increase
 - Complete cart system
 - Cart and prepaid bag system
- Discussed how the City is billed and how the City bills the customer. The revenue received in the Refuse Fund also funds yard waste, recycling center, compost area, and administrative costs.
- Republic is requesting a \$1.00 increase per home in the next contract term.
- Recent refuse collection audits have revealed discrepancies between what is paid for and what is put out for collection. We need to get people to pay for the service they are using. Discrepancies were corrected following the audit.
- The cart and prepaid bag system would be more palatable to the senior or limited income user.
- Significant discussion on violation enforcement; both in residential and commercial districts. The General Fund has no dollars budgeted for an enforcement officer at this time.

- General consensus that aesthetically a cart system is preferred city-wide but that the cart with prepaid bags would be easier to sell to the limited income small user. Biolette asked the committee to consider if the complete cart system is a viable option for the city.

CONSENSUS

Jeff Mikula will work with the finance office to work out city costs and billing for the three options. Once staff has that information prepared, staff will take the three options to City Council at a future work session for discussion. The Ad Hoc Refuse Committee is invited to attend the Council work session, tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2019.

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The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Cynthia Lokovich, CAP OM
Executive Secretary