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To: Peter Glenn, City Administrator
From: Sherry Hoffman, City Clerk
Date: January 16, 2025
Subject: Waste Collection

Sir:

We entered into a waste collection agreement with Rumpke beginning July 1, 2021. The agreement includes the original two year term of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023 and allows for four additional two year renewal terms. We are currently in our first renewal term of July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025. Since our current two year term expires June 30, 2025, and because this is a franchise agreement, we need to determine if the City Council wants to go out to bid for this service or pass a municipal order to move forward with the agreement's next two year term of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027.

Brief Review of Fees

Our residents are currently paying \$16.22 per month for solid waste collection. The next two year term will have an increase to \$17.03 per month. Those residents who participate in Rumpke's recycling services are currently paying \$5.78 per month. The next two year term's increase will be \$6.06 monthly. There is an annual surcharge fee that goes into effect in April each year. Dependent on diesel fuel prices during the first week of March, monthly fees could be higher or lower. For reference, the fuel surcharges for the past three years were: 2022 - \$0, 2023 - \$0.60, 2024 - \$0.48.

The past has shown that when we go out to bid, the bids received had higher monthly fees than our current agreement at the time. Additionally, the fuel surcharge amounts per household could be higher.

Brief Review of Services

The City receives minimal concerns or complaints regarding Rumpke's service. Those we do receive are usually due to substitution drivers or are weather related. When we do receive a complaint, it is quickly resolved by Rumpke. During FY25, we have had 18 concerns. There were 43 received in FY24.

We have an excellent working relationship with our Rumpke Municipal Rep, Robin Klaber. For example, our agreement includes two dumpsters for the Public Works Department. With the opening of the new Public Works facility, our Public Works needed two dumpsters at each of their facilities for a total of four. Instead of the City paying for the additional dumpsters, Robin was able to provide them at no cost to the City.

Additionally, Rumpke works with the City to provide our bi-annual community clean-up events. They pick up large items, an unlimited number of totes, and provide porch collection for the disabled.

It is my recommendation to move forward with our agreement's next two year renewal term of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027.