

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: NEIL JENSEN, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Organized Solid Waste Collection Public Hearing

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2022

BACKGROUND

The City Council held a Work Session on March 1st to discuss the process of Organized Solid Waste Collection in the City of Cannon Falls. In that discussion the City Council decided to gather feedback from the residents and set a public hearing for April 5th, 2022.

The city can pursue organized solid waste under MN Statute 115A.94. If the City Council wishes to move forward with the process after taking feedback from the residents of the city there will be a process that will be followed and possibly another public hearing.

In the fact finding it was discovered that 2 neighboring cities started organized solid waste collection or renewed their current license by going out to bids in the last year. The bids were as follows;

Residential solid waste including recycling:

1. \$17.10 per month -- 96-gallon carts all taxes and fees included, flat rate 5 years
2. \$19.18 per month – 96-gallon solid waste cart and 64-gallon recycle cart all taxes and fees included, 2% increase annually for 5 years

Commercial / Industrial collection was bid differently in each city with one using a 2-license process and the other setting prices on carts and containers.

The City Council reviewed the process of each city and will be gathering additional information to consider during the process. The final bid package will be determined at a later date if the council decides to move forward after the public hearing.

I have heard from several residents of the city before the public hearing and the input is equally divided on the issue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Fact finding and citizen feedback information only.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard) in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 918 River Road, to gather feedback related to a potential to adopt organized solid waste collection in the City pursuant to Minn. Stat. 115A.94. If the City were to pursue and adopt organized solid waste collection, it would eventually result in one garbage collection provider for all users in the City.

The City Council is seeking feedback from all interested parties to determine if it should consider proceeding to organize solid waste collection utilizing the process set forth in Minn. Stat. 115A.94. Anyone interested in offering comments with regard to the topic will be given an opportunity to do so at this meeting.

Neil Jensen
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