

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes Final

August 3, 2020

6:00 PM

Work Session

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

- A. Call to Order** at 6:01 PM
- B. Roll Call**
Present 7- Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Clark, Lynch, Milliken, Walker
- C. Also In Attendance**
Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson
- D. Request for Council Action**
[ORD-20-035](#)
Public Service
An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into A Contract With Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc For The City's Municipal Waste Hauling, Disposal And Recycling Services And Declaring An Emergency ([Ordinance, Trash, RFP Breakdown](#))

Peoples said the city has been working on the RFP process and it has now been completed. Three contractors submitted proposals. Rumpke of Ohio Inc. stood out from the rest. The price breakdown is included in the council packets, also a synopsis of the other proposals. We knew Waste Management would be a strong candidate, the service they have provided Canal Winchester over the last 20 years has been impeccable. Ultimately, Rumpke of Ohio is a very strong regional company. They are based out of Cincinnati, with a couple landfills down there. They have a contract with Columbus and a recycling facility here in town. On the actual proposals, they are proposing a Thursday collection day. However the city is still working with them to get a day closer to Monday. We did request pick up to be on a Monday, but they would not be able to accommodate that into their schedule. We are hoping to get Tuesday. Rumpke will provide two bulk items a week. The service they would provide is unlimited collection, with a ten percent senior discount. The unlimited collection would be \$58.50/Quarterly. That is \$19.50 a month. That cost includes both the recycle cart and the trash cart. We did set up the proposal to include those, right now 63% of our residents rent a cart from Waste Management. We asked Rumpke about opting out of the carts to save some money; the way they explained it was, \$1-\$2 a month (that's included with the \$19.50) goes towards the recycle cart. If we pulled out of that, people would have to rent a cart for \$3.50 a month. So including it saves money for the majority of our residents. Residents have the option to get 96 or 65 gallon cart for recycle, at no charge. You can rent additional carts; 96 gallon is \$10.50/quarterly or \$3.50/monthly and the 65 gallon recycle is \$9.00/quarterly or \$3.00/monthly. We asked all contractors to provide an automated cost. Automated looks much cleaner, since residents would not have bagged trash. Automated pick up would require everyone to have their trash in carts. As we drove around town on trash day, we found there are a lot of residents that have trash outside their carts, whether it is from a project or a family who creates a lot of trash, we feel the automated pick up would be too restricted. However, automated pick up is the way of the future. Manual pick up has not only labor cost, but what comes with the men lifting hundreds of pounds a day, you need to think about the workers compensation as well. Automated does alleviate those things, however it was just not the time for us to take that on. Rumpke and Waste Managements the price decreased when going with automated pick-up, but it came out to be a penny a day. So the savings was not significant enough to have that much restriction. Again, Peoples said with the automated pickup being so restricted with everything having to be in a cart, and the savings only being about a dollar a quarter, the city did not feel it was right for their residents at this time.

Rumpke also provided an alternate proposal for collection, with unlimited trash pickup weekly and recycled items bi-weekly. The city asked Rumpke for their recommendation, and they suggested the weekly pickup of both trash and recyclables. It is a small cost savings to do every other week for recycle, but in the beginning they think it would be too difficult for residents to have to remember the pickup times. We decided to go with Rumpke for the weekly service and the weekly recycle. That would be the \$58.50 a quarter. Amos said the CW Indians Club has committed to help pass out literature to the residents about recycling. If Rumpke wants to provide that, or the club with provide it. Peoples said Rumpke has a very extensive campaign about recycling education. That was something we saw in their proposal that set them apart from the other proposals. Amos said education is key. Also, the club will be airing a fifteen second blurb on social media feeds about recycling. Walker made a point to let Peoples know it is important that the city get a pickup day closest to Monday, and how soon would they know what date. Peoples reiterated that Monday was the cities first request, and that Fridays were not allowed. The city is pushing for Tuesday for trash pickup. Milliken asked what the transition was going to look like in regards to residents closing out accounts. Peoples said Rumpke had a transition plan in their proposal, it was something the city asked for in the proposals. They gave time frames, they also have a robust online platform to help people get signed up for service. Peoples said the biggest thing is the city getting everyone educated that there is a change coming, especially since the city has been with Waste Management for so long. Clark ask about Waste Management's composting. Peoples corrected it was actually Local Waste that had yard waste in their proposal, the city actually left yard waste out of the proposals and focused on recycling. The city had looked into the yard waste pick up a couple years ago with Waste Management, but found Fall and Spring were the only times people were using it. Coolman asked about residents who begin to put "hot loads" together under recycling, what would Rumpke do. Peoples said the people picking up are not going to filter through the recycling bins, however they have a trained eye for what should and should not be in the recycling cart. They have stickers for when they won't take the load, and they will tag the cart. It is noted on the customer account as well. Clark asked if the 96 gallon can is going to be equipped for the automated trucks, so they could do it automated if they chose too. Peoples said the automated trucks are different from anything we have seen before. Right now they have a lift assist on the back of the truck. Coolman asked if it is that same truck that picks up trash and recyclables. Peoples said it will be a different truck. Coolman asked if it will be different dates. People said he is not for sure about the different routes. Lynch asked if Waste Management was planning on staying in Canal Winchester. Peoples said Waste Management has not indicated they have any plan of leaving, they have a large commercial operation. They also have made large investments with the compressed natural gas facility. He said they hope they stay, it was unfortunate that we couldn't keep our relationship with Waste Management. Lynch asked if we would be using Rumpke for festivals and such. Peoples said municipal services were included in the proposals. Amos asked if it is a five year contract. Peoples said yes. Also, the prices do not change over the five year contract. Amos asked if there would be fuel surcharges that could fluctuate. Peoples advised there are. Bennett wanted to share about the concerns people might have about the included cost of recycling and it maybe increasing the price. Canal Winchester falls under the SWACO guidelines for Franklin County. A SWACO landfill charges double the price for refuse collection. Having recycling included in the cost will actually lower the price over time. The more

we can educate and the more waste we can divert from the landfill will drive down the costs and save the city money. Peoples let it be known that this was the first time the city had to comprise such a proposal and it was with a team comprising of himself, Councilman Bennett, Mayor Ebert, Amanda Jackson, and Bill Sims.

Motion to move ORD-20-035 to full Council by Bennett; seconded by Lynch.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7- Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

E. Reports

Matt Peoples-

Just somethings from the written report; Gender Road Phase V funding was passed by Governor DeWine, they did a Capital Spending Bill, so it is reinstated. It instituted that was previously committed from Ohio Public Works Commission, and we got that in today. We reviewed plans this last couple weeks; just a reminded that is a construction note the Gender Road/Canal Street intersection, we are adding a turn lane there; also adding a bike path from Canal Street to Winchester Boulevard that is off the road way. It will follow our normal cycle, bidding out the beginning of 2021, and the construction should be complete by the end of 2021.

We are starting to evaluate the water treatment plant building. It is severely dysfunctional. From an operational standpoint there's tanks underground that cannot be used, there is an office on the right hand side, there is a lab above that, a storage room, and the rest is about 15 inches of concrete walls with tanks. There is still a silo for lime that has been out of commission since 2007. We need to look at removing the building and constructing something that will work. There is a three truck garage in the back from 1962. So it has seen better days. There was also a bat infestation we had to hire to get thirty some bats out of the closet in the lab. Just starting to see what it will take to remove the building and then to get something put back in its place.

Last thing, Friday night we had volunteers from C3 Church help stain the bike rale along the bike path on Groveport Road. It is a monumental undertaking. We do it about every four years. Hoping to get it completely done by city crews before the end of the year.

Lucas Haire-

A few items to talk about from the written report. In terms to the legislation this evening, we did receive revised information for the Green Gate Development that provided some clarification on material that they are using. There are not necessarily any commitments associated with that, the development text didn't alter at all. So it still says they are examples of models that could be built but not the only models that could be built. So please know the development text was not altered. They did clarify some of the building materials; the siding thickness, window placement, things like that. We also received applications for a multi-tenant building on West Waterloo Street. This is the area that the city is in contract to sell to the CWICC for its ultimate sale to a company called

Northern Blends which is a developer for Smoothie King. So it will be a Smoothie King, and that will be on Planning and Zonings agenda next meeting. They will have a number of variances due to the odd shaped lot and there is frontage on two sides. It is triangular, which makes it hard to lay out. We are working with them on those site plans, and it will be on Planning and Zonings agenda next Monday night. A few completions of buildings; Obetz is close to wrapping up their new warehouse alongside Winchester Blvd., they have pavement down. They still have some items they have to do off the roadways like lights and sidewalks. We completed our transaction with North Pointe, they made the purchase of the lot on Bixby Road; 110 acres. That was completed on July 17, 2020. There is a lot of construction and Earth moving down there. Panda Express broke ground on their building, they have that framed up, I am sure you all have drove by that. Five Star Heating and Cooling is nearing completion on their warehouse, they had the final inspection today. So we will have a new company that is a resident from here in Canal Winchester a few weeks or so. Amos had concerns about the road near Panda Express in the Walmart parking lot. She stated when it rains it floods. Haire said the reason it floods currently is because of storm water controls. The city requires them to put dandy bags which is a fabric sack they place over the curb inlets. This is so the settlement collects in the bag and the drawback is slower drainage. So you will see some water laying there, but it is to prevent the storm water settlement from the site going into the ponds. Amos asked if that means it will eventually stop. Haire agreed, once the construction is complete that will stop. Coolman asked about the light synchronization at the warehouses behind Kroger and when it will start. Haire advised he believed that was in Peoples written report. We did receive the study results from ODOT, but I don't know what the implementation time line is for that. It needs uploaded and revised into the timing. Coolman asked about the extended drive and if additional traffic signals would be installed. Haire stated there would be additional street lights but not traffic signals. Clark asked what the opening date was for Panda Express. Haire replied that they are very quick in getting their buildings built and open, he expects it to be operating by November. Clark then asked about the Hampton Inn. Haire said at this point it is unknown, every time he receives an estimate it is done by that time. He also believes COVID-19 has slowed down the process. Haire then advised Fairfield Inn is currently under construction. Also, the Learning Spectrum is well under way with the roof being installed. Lynch asked about DORA and why it was not on the agenda. Haire said that the DORA is dependent on the Mayor bringing it to council, and he believes he is not prepared to do so yet. He has not investigated it any further, and until he has the support from the Mayor it isn't worth discussing. Lynch asked if it had to do with police protection. Haire said he believes that is what he had indicated. Lynch asked if any research had been done on it. Haire said he didn't know, and he would need to speak to the Mayor. Coolman suggested having the DORA discussion during council so the Mayor could be involved. Jackson reminded council that it was decided last council meeting that DORA was going to be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting later this month.

Amanda Jackson-

Jackson began her report about the software the city uses for rentals and the pool. The city recently purchased a new software package called CivicRec. It is a member of the software the city already uses for the website and council module. They are a couple days from going live. It hadn't been pushed to be any sooner since of COVID-19 and currently not renting facilities. Jackson believes it will be a great addition and much more user friendly than what was used in the past.

Jackson then transitioned to her income tax report. She stated the city was half a percent ahead of where they were last year when she gave her report. Now the city is about even. She wanted to let council know the city has been very fortunate with the effects of COVID-19. Canal Winchester has not been hit like other communities have. They have been able to continue their level of service, no cutting of hours, no layoffs, and no putting projects on hold. So the city is doing very well financially speaking, considering the effects of COVID-19. Bennett asked if Jackson had reviewed his email over the weekend about the city having any expendables that could be covered by The Cares Act. Jackson replied that she did see the email. Due to other tasks she was unable to look into it with much detail. She saw he brought up utility payments. Jackson stated they city has not had many people come forward asking for assistance with utility payments. Since before COVID-19 hit, they have always had a payment plan policy. If someone needed to spread payments out over several months, the city would work with them. That policy had worked well during COVID-19. Jackson stated she doesn't think the city really needs assistance under The Cares Act. She explained there has not been an increase in late bills, it has stayed consistent to how it was before COVID-19. Jackson said Bennett's email also inquired about financial help for the JRD or an organization like Destination Canal Winchester, which is something I would have to look into further. Coolman requested to interject in regards to Destination Downtown receiving financial help. The financial chair and he went to look into The Cares Act relief at Canal Banking Center. Coolman was told since they have a low number of employees, the organization wouldn't actually benefit from the loan. He went on to explain it would only generate about one thousand dollars. Bennett stated he was curious what would qualify as an economic relief payment, which may be different than a loan. Coolman added he believes the relief payments are more for organizations who have payroll and owns buildings and vehicles.

F. Items for Discussion

G. Old/New Business

20-155

Rules Committee Meeting Date- **August 17th, 2020 @ 5:30 PM**

Coolman asked Amos and Milliken when they would like to have the next Rules Committee Meeting. Coolman advised the sooner they have it the better. Milliken asked if the last day of the month was too short notice. Coolman reminded it is usual held on a council day, about a half hour before work session. Unless there is a lot on the agenda then they can do 45 minutes early. Amos said she was good with the council meeting on September 8th. Coolman and Milliken both requested the next council meeting on August 17th.

Walker ask Ms. Amos about the Community Coffee meetings. She responded that the meetings have really only been discussion about what is discussed during council. A topic that is brought up the most is cross walks. Some other items brought up is DORA and the Charter Review. People from the Charter Review attended the meeting and inquired why they weren't getting meetings started. The question of if they were willing to do it electronically came up and they all agreed they were. The next Community Coffee will meet on September 26th, however Amos will not be able to attend. Bennett will be there, but there are spots open for other councilmen to attend. Coolman requested the meeting minutes from these meetings. Amos responded with

they were doing that, until they started paying for the reservation they started hosting the meetings privately. She said she didn't mind sending the minutes over to Coolman.

H. Adjournment

at 6:56 PM

A motion was made to adjourn by Clark seconded by Milliken.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7- Clark, Milliken, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Walker