

Special Council Meeting
of the City of Greenville
held in the Council Chambers
on Thursday, April 7, 2016

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Greenville City Council was called to order on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Alan Gaffner.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Alan Gaffner, Councilman Jes Adam, Councilman John Gillard, Councilman Mike Heath, and Councilman Roger Sanders.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Willey and City Clerk Sue Ann Nelson.

Pledge: The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

Notice of Meeting: Notice of the special meeting having been given as provided by law, said meeting was called for consideration of the following agenda:

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) Trash Collection Discussion
- 5) Proposals for Sidewalk Repair
- 6) Executive Session: Purchase of Real Estate, Section 2(c)(5); Sale of Real Estate, Section 2(c)(6); Personnel, Section 2(c)(1); and Litigation, Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act

Public Comment: With no comments being expressed, public input was closed.

Trash Collection Discussion: Mayor Gaffner provided history on the topic, reviewed what had been discussed at the March meeting, and explained that no action would be taken at this special meeting. City Manager Willey played a video demonstrating automated trash pickup service for the council and audience to review the change in service proposed by Doty or potentially any contractor. Mayor Gaffner then opened the meeting to public comment on trash collection.

Jack Chism ó 711 Eastern: Supports the City putting it out for competitive bids. Suggested getting two different types of bids; one with automated service and one with the same service as what is

currently provided. Once the two different types of bids are obtained, then get resident feedback. Suggested sending out a survey in the utility bill.

Robert Rodgers ó 114 Sunset Point: Mr. Rodgers provided the council with a handout of his issues. He had automated service in the community he previously resided in. That community had open competition for trash pickup, and he is in favor of one trash provider for the entire community. His opinion was that the meeting was not well publicized. He expressed concerns regarding the current level of service by Doty. He expressed the desire to be able to provide his own automated totes. He is in favor of putting the trash collection contract out for bid to promote open government, more competitive pricing, and better service.

David Doty answered questions from the council and audience members.

Councilman Gillard asked how much distance was needed between vehicles for the truck arm to pick up trash cans. Doty responded that five feet is needed between cars for the automated pick up.

Councilman Gillard asked about trash collection in alleys? Doty responded that there are only a few areas where trash is picked up in the alley. He expects that they will continue to be able to pick up in those alleys or adjustments will be made.

Councilman Gillard asked what if someone needed an additional tote. Doty responded that an additional tote could be provided at an additional monthly charge.

Councilman Gillard asked if the totes could be a different color. Doty explained that the negotiated price provided was based on the orange 96 gallon tote. He has volume pricing with the orange totes. He could provide a different color if requested, but that would be for an additional charge.

Councilman Heath asked about a different color and size. Doty responded that it was possible, but not for the same negotiated price that had been proposed.

Councilman Heath inquired if there is a time savings with the

automated service. Doty explained that because of the efficiency of his crews currently there would not be a significant time savings.

Mr. Rodgers asked if residents could get their own totes. Doty responded that part of Doty providing the tote is the responsibility for maintenance and replacing the tote if it gets damaged.

Mayor Gaffner inquired how many orange totes Doty currently has in use. Doty commented there are approximately 9 trailers of 624 totes which would be about 5,616 totes among various communities.

Judy Cox ó 340 N Third: Expressed opposition to the orange color and prefers a more calm and discrete color.

Adam Wells ó S Sixth Street: Is pleased with Doty's current service. However, he strongly believes it should be put out for bid.

Gary Dollinger ó 904 Asbury: Asked where the large totes would be put in the winter when it snows. On the street he lives on snow is typically plowed on his curb. Doty explained that similar to the current procedures, crews will do what it takes to make accommodations for weather. Mr. Dollinger also expressed concerns about elderly neighbors and their ability to maneuver the large totes for a limited amount of trash.

Jack Chism ó 711 Eastern: Pointed out that with a competitive bid the size and color of the tote could be specified, whereby eliminating these specific concerns.

Kenny Hampton ó 121 S Fourth Street: Applauded the council and city manager to seek a negotiated rate to try to obtain a cost savings. He also pointed out that residents have enjoyed a very favorable rate for quite some time. He inquired about the term of the proposed negotiated agreement and the term if the contract was put out for bid. City Manager Willey explained that both would be for a five year period.

Judy Dollinger ó 904 Asbury: Expressed her pleasure with recycling. She is concerned about the size of the 96 gallon tote and that it would not fit in her garage, and that it would impact the curb appeal of her home and others throughout Greenville.

Willard Frost ó 1311 Chestnut: Stated he is impressed with their current service from Doty. He explained that he only has limited recycling and trash and would prefer keeping the service the same as it is now. He is in favor of putting it out for bid.

David Barbey ó Country Club Road: Mr. Barbey commented that while he is not a resident of Greenville, he has used Doty and is happy with the service. He expressed concerns about where totes will be put on busy streets and about keeping the City looking nice. Doty responded that for the most part people will continue to put the totes where they currently put out their trash. In some instances some adjustments may need to be made, but this is no different than what they have had to work through in other communities.

With no other input from the audience, Mayor Gaffner asked for council input.

Councilman Sanders said that most of the feedback that he had received regarding current service was positive. He also said that there appears to be interest in comparing the current level of trash service, automated pickup service and automated service with tote color or size specifications or options. While he believes the negotiated deal is better, he understands that it is hard to make that determination without going out for bid, which may lead to a higher cost to residents.

Councilman Heath echoed the sentiments of Councilman Sanders and also asked if it was possible to provide one truck for manual pickup at a higher fee. Doty indicated that this was not practical.

Councilman Adam thanked everyone in attendance and those who had previously noted their opinions in the feedback provided. Councilman Adam indicated that he is satisfied with his current level of service, however he believes putting trash collection out for bid is the most appropriate option for the city and for transparency.

Mayor Gaffner also thanked everyone for their feedback and indicated that while no action would be taken at this meeting, he would look to structure the agenda at the April 12th meeting to provide options for the council to act upon if desired.

Proposals for Sidewalk Repair:

In order to get as much sidewalk repair work completed in the current fiscal year which ends April 30th, the City requested proposals from contractors for various sidewalk replacement from outstanding work orders totaling 3,930 square foot of sidewalk. Motion by Gillard, seconded by Adam, to approve bid from Soldier Construction for sidewalk replacement for \$14,663 and approve bid from Southwestern Construction Service for sidewalk replacement of \$22,000.

Ayes: Gillard, Adam, Heath, Sanders, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment:

At 8:18 p.m., moved by Adam, seconded by Gillard, to adjourn special council meeting.

Ayes: Adam, Gillard, Heath, Sanders, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Clerk