

CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

City of El Campo

315 EAST JACKSON STREET, EL CAMPO, TX 77437
City Hall - Council Chambers 5:00 PM - November 27, 2017

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Randy Collins	Mayor	Present	
Richard Young	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Anisa Longoria Vasquez	Council Member	Present	
Jeff Allgayer	Council Member	Present	
Gloria Harris	Council Member	Present	
Tommy Hitzfeld	Council Member	Present	
John Hancock	Council Member	Present	

City Staff Present: City Manager Mindi Snyder, City Secretary Lori Hollingsworth, Deputy City Manager Courtney Sladek, Public Works Director Kevin Thompson, Chief of Police Terry Stanphill, EMS Director Chase Nielsen, Utilities Clerk Virginia Cruz and Planning Director Penny Hornsby.

Media Present: News Editor Shannon Crabtree, El Campo Leader-News.

Guest Present: Waste Connections of Texas representatives: Abel Moreno, John Schafer, Troy Washington, Andy Tarango and Venessa Santos-Garza with Recycle Bank.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Collins led the pledge of Allegiance and performed the Invocation.

4. CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF

1. Waste Connections Presentation

Waste Connections is an integrated solid waste services company that provides waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services. They are the current service provider in the City of El Campo and will be here to present and discuss renewal options as the current contract expires in September of 2018.

Abel Moreno took to the podium and presented a brief history of Waste Connections of Texas. Stating that the company entered the Houston Marketplace in April 2009 and in the City of El Campo since June, 2016. Mr. Moreno also stated they have six hauling sites and nearly one hundred fifty trucks. He also introduced the other Waste Connections team members present: District Manager John Schafer, Andy Tarango Site Manager, Troy Washington Lead Driver and Venessa Santos-Garza with Recycle Bank. Mr. Moreno stated that the option for automated trash service would provide a faster and more efficient way to collect residential solid waste. He also stated it improves safety, helps to keep neighborhoods and streets clean and neat. Also being introduced as an option is curbside recycling; this would require an additional 96 gallon cart for all recyclables collected all together. Automated service would consist of once a week 96 gallon trash cart pickup, once a week 96 gallon recycle cart pick up, bulk / brush / heavy trash would remain the same and with renewed five (5) year service agreement that would include brand new trucks. Waste Connections of Texas would be open to a renewed 10 year service agreement and this would enable negotiations on cost reduction.

Venessa Santos-Garza took to the podium to explain an additional incentive to recycling. Her company is Recyclebank and it is a rewards program for curbside recycling customers. She stated that citizens could earn points by doing good for the environment by putting out their recycling cart each pick up and these points may be cashed in for local and national rewards, such as gift cards and discounts. She also stated this is an excellent

way to educate on recycling and motivate recycling. Ms. Santos-Garza explained how the points are distributed, the weight of each recycle route will be divided among the customer accounts.

Clarification was given that Recyclebank is its own entity and works with Waste Connections of Texas to provide recycle education to its customers. The cost estimated for participation with Recyclebank rewards and recycling is estimated 0.46 cents more than the current rate.

Concerns were mentioned over reducing to once a week pickup, Mr. Moreno responded that 75% of household waste is recyclable and that once a week is more than sufficient when recycling.

Mr. Moreno agreed that automation service without curbside recycling would be cheaper.

Mr. Moreno stated that he knows the idea of a 10 year contract equates a huge commitment and they realize that the biggest issue for every municipality is cost. However with a 10 year service agreement the rates would be negotiable and in return Waste Connections of Texas would make a commitment to the City of El Campo. They would like to move forward with contract negotiation in lieu of the city going out for bid. Their current facility in town is leased and with a long term contract with the city, there are several options for them to expand here in El Campo and even considering adding a hauling facility.

Mayor Collins stated that the Solid Waste Contract Council Committee would meet soon to discuss the options and present recommendations to City Council.

RESULT: NO ACTION REQUIRED

5. ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, Mayor Collins called the meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Attest:

Lori Hollingsworth, City Secretary

Randy Collins, Mayor