

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
October 8, 2018

Ward 2 Councilmember Brett Luzader called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

PRESENT: Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner, Joseph

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Bryant: Yes, I would ask that number 4a be deleted for tonight and tabled for the next council meeting.

Mr. Luzader: Just hold that for two weeks then?

Ms. Bryant: Yes.

Mr. Luzader: Ms. Bryant has made a motion that we hold item number four for two weeks, do I have a second? Second by Mr. Baker. All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Luzader: Opposed, thank you. Tonight's item on the agenda is amended.

Approval of Minutes

a. Public Service and Transportation Committee – Committee Meeting – September 24, 2018

RESULT: ACCEPTED

NEW LEGISLATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: ENACTING CHAPTER ____ RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE --- Bryant. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Item removed from the agenda.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. TO BE THE SOLE PROVIDER OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR WASTE GENERATED BY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND DURING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO. --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Mr. Cloud: My name is Mike Cloud I live at 323 Fallriver Drive. I have been a citizen of Reynoldsburg since 1991. This is our second home, we have been there for 20 years over on Fallriver rive. But I'm here representing 79 local neighbors that we have there in that area on Fallriver Drive that we talked to about the size of the containers for this contract that your guys are negotiating with Rumpke. The 64 gallon container is a little large. We have concerns about can we fit it in our garage. We're going to have to leave it outside where people can look at it. We'll the elderly people in our community be able to move that can out into the street once its full and once the weather gets bad. Those are the issues that came up and of those 79 people that we're representing, myself...

Mr. Clemens: Would you please stand.. INAUDIBLE

Mr Cloud: Those and myself represent this. We just found out the issues and jumped on it Saturday and a little bit yesterday afternoon and so forth. We approached 79 people and 78 people signed it once they read the proposal. And it was just simple, Ed wrote up this little petition and basically it says that we understand the object of what your doing, the sizes for both the bin and the can are grossly too large. We would respect to the recycling bin, it is just too large for our garage container and for our garages. It could result in people quitting to recycle because they will just put it into the other bin, they will just quit messing with it. We're worried about that. Also the garage space the can size and it will probably require storing outside and I don't like to see garbage can outside. I don't know about you guys but that's how we feel. We would respectfully ask you guys for us to consider that you go back to Rumpke and talk to them and see if there is away that we could chose to opt out of using that larger can and retain the current smaller red can that's about 13 gallons. Its about the size of just a regular tote. But we would humbly request that you gentleman and lady consider re-discussing that contract with these folks and seeing if there something better that we can come up for the citizens in our area could live with. And I suspect if we went through the rest of the City we would find a large percent of the people that would feel the same way. Thank you.

Mr. Luzader: Thank you. Now Ronald Six.

Mr. Six: My name is Ronald Six. I live at 308 Fallriver Drive In Reynoldsburg. And we have been here for 22 years. And Mike pretty much said what we wanted to say but the one thing, I did some research on this and I found some other communities actually worked with Rumpke to have the option for the larger container or the standard 18 gallon container we have now. And you know in our neighborhood, around our house I counted 14 houses with 28 people, most, there's a few families with maybe 3 or 4 people. But most are 2 people or widows. And our garages aren't that big to begin with. My wife and I, we recycle everything. And it would take us a month to fill up that container. And the one we have now is perfectly fine. We have a place on the outside of the garage or in the

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garages that we fill it up. But the other container would just be too large for no more than what we recycle. So I just, if you could, there has been other communities that have done, talked with Rumpke been able to negotiate that you can keep the original containers if you want. So thank you.

Mr. Clemens: INAUDIBLE

LAUGHTER

Mr. Clemens: INAUDIBLE

Mr. Luzader: I'm not going to... Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you Chairmen. Question for Mr. Sampson. Couple questions actually. Some 13-14 years ago I believe, Reynoldsburg participated in a pilot program for a can, recyclable can about the size of what were talking about now. That included parts of ward 2 and 3. What kind of feedback, if you know, did we get when implemented of those parts of the City and do we have any records of that.

Mr. Sampson: You know I'm sorry, I actually looked for that information. I have heard rumbling from residents about having these containers and I see them around the City. But no I don't have anything to share.

Mr. Joseph: Ok, I know these cans are sturdier. The only I remember from those days when I was first on council was that they broke a lot. And obviously the newer ones are a little sturdier. The other question was, when citizens use these cans, these 64 gallon recyclable cans, they are not required to sit them out every week are they not?

Mr. Sampson: No sir.

Mr. Joseph: They can let it fill up and once a month if they really want...

Mr. Sampson: I have a, I have a 64 gallon at my house and 95 gallon of waste. My household waste is picked up, they are both picked up once a week but I put it out every other week. My recycling.

Mr. Joseph: Was that factored into some of the cost savings that Rumpke looked at when they, when this was brought forward, that it would be less stopping to pick up cans. Because very few people I would think would have to put them out every week.

Mr. Sampson: Yea its important to understand too that this is, the size of the can isn't part of the contract. The contract is with Rumpke, SWACO is providing the subsidy and the grant that we wrote to get the reduced price to \$17.02 for the 64 gallon. I did meet with SWACO today, they were off, the two gentleman that I had been in contact with, agreed to meet with me this morning. You know I want what's best for all of our citizens, you know not just a segment. You know I had a resident call

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me on Friday and she said her and her husband and three children recycle more than they produce is dispose of in household waste. Can she get the 95 gallon, you know.

Mr. Joseph: Last question. What, if any, feedback have we gotten from other communities that have implemented this type of recycle can. Have they had similar concerns from their citizens or has it been smooth?

Mr. Sampson: Its been smooth. And on of the things that we discussed today Mr. Joseph, was that you know we are looking at the smaller container would be a 35 gallon. We would not be, it would not be eligible for the discount. I think that's sells for \$42.00. In Westerville, my counterpart in Westerville, when I reached out to him this afternoon and he is buying a quantity of them and will sell them at cost to their resident. We may explore something like that. We want something that everybody's going to use. In addition to this, its important to know that Rumpke also provides a, you know we have disabled, we have elderly in the City that simply cant get their trash back and forth to the curb and Rumpke sent me that information. Send it on to Rumpke and they will have their service men come to the house and remove trash, empty it and take it back up to the house if again they are either disabled or unable to, elderly, unable to maneuver the cans down to the curb.

Mr. Joseph: Thank you very much.

Mr. Luzader: One question Bill. Would you be willing to meet with these folks whenever they might be available?

Mr. Sampson: I would be happy to. I mean I could give them my business card. I'd be happy to meet with them as a group, I'd be happy to come to them, have them in my office. And again were exploring options. You know we want, we don't really pull the trigger on the cans, on purchasing the cans until the first of the year. This contract is with Rumpke is just simply for the trash pick up. The other arrangement is directly with SWACO. So certainly I would be happy to talk. But we are exploring options to try and accommodate most if not all of our residents.

Mr. Luzader: Would you folks be willing to meet with Mr. Sampson and see if he can get some of your concerns addressed and maybe see if we can come to some kind of agreement.

INAUDIBLE

LAUGHTER

Mr. Luzader: I was going to say I don't think that's in this contract right now.

Mr. Sampson: Its not part of anything that's on the list right now.

Mr. Luzader: That's something that's down the line. Mr. Hood.

Mr. Hood: INAUDIBLE

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Mr. Luzader: Yea I saw that.

Mr. Sampson: We would like to gravitate to full mechanical, again the cost of trash pick up has just gone up tremendously over the past 5 to 10 years and its... Rumpke was offers a \$5,000.00 sign on bonus to encourage workers to join. The mechanical process takes it from a four man crew to a two man crew. So that's what were trying to make measured steps on to keep our rents low.

Mr. Luzader: Mr. Hood.

Mr. Hood: The only thing I wanted to reiterate was a point that Director Sampson just brought up at the end of his comments was, this contract before is between the City of Reynoldsburg and Rumpke for our solid waste hauling, our recycling and our yard waste hauling. It is what we call a status quo bid or status quo contract. It is the same contract we adopted a few years ago that we extended for a period of time. Ok. And in fact the first year the rate doesn't even go up. If you take it to the curb, they are going to pick it up regardless of what its in. If you mark it yard waste if you mark it recycling, solid waste, they will take it away ok. What were talking about in addition to that is a grant that SWACO came to the City to obtain if we determine that we want to go to a larger uniform bin size, wheeled cart, they would help us make that transition. That is not part of the Rumpke contract. Ok. If you look at the addendum's to the contract you will also find if you want a 92 gallon monster of a can on wheels, you can rent one from Rumpke and they will bring it to your house and I think its \$9.00 a month. I don't know why you'd do that but if you want to its in there. And there's a 68 and I think a 45. And the different rates are reflected in the contract. Nobody's mandating that. But if that's something you want instead of buying a can at Lowes, you certainly can. So there are options in there. But I want, I guess I want to make sure its real clear that what were talking about is choosing Rumpke as our provider that has been with us for as long as I have been here and has done a real good job and will continue to do a good job for us in all, our rate stays the same for one year our day stays the same. You know. Everything is going to maintain the status quo, so I don't want this one particular issue to derail the Rumpke contract because really Rumpke has nothing to do with this. If there's any questions about that, I would be happy to address them later or whatever.

Mr. Luzader: Does that bring up any question? Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker: I have a question, its not about that though.

Mr. Hood: Ok.

Mr. Baker: There was an article in the ThisWeek, it was the New Albany version of the ThisWeek. They are too going through the process of renewing the contract. And the only thing that popped out at me is basically the next three years is almost the same as the contract being proposed except for the 2021, where ours is \$19.13 there's is about a dollar and some change cheaper. I was just curious why that was. If you might know the answer. To that because it seem like, I mean New Albany's getting a little better of a deal on that end.

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Mr. Sampson: I, Rumpke, New Albany was part of the consortium, I recommend Mr. Baker you reach out to whoever the point of contact is in New Albany and maybe they can provide some clarification.

Mr. Baker: Ok, I just read it the other day, so it was the weekend.

Mr. Sampson: I didn't see it, I'm sorry.

INAUDIBLE

Mr. Sampson: Yes.

INAUDIBLE

Mr. Sampson: Our consortium was us and Gahanna and we had 2 bidders. Most of the other ones had one- Rumpke.

Mr. Hood: Remember we extended under our old contract for one year because we received no bids last time. So we went back to the drawing board and try to get the specifications a little bit better fine tuned towards Reynoldsburg, we broke away from all 22 communities and they put us with Gahanna because we're the closest to match and re-let the bids out to try to get more competition and this is what we got.

Mr. Sampson: And again to keep us cost competitive, the goal would be for us to go to fully automated, you know that is the goal and to cut our teeth, the recycling would be the appropriate place to start. And that's SWACO's recommendation.

Mr. Luzader: Any further questions? So if again, you guys would get a-hold of Mr. Sampson, he'll talk to you a little bit more about the contract and where we're at and hopefully you can get your fears addressed and come to an agreement.

Mr. Baker: That's what it was. New Albany is doing the same contract, they were discussing about the recycling bins and everything as we are except for, like I said the third year was cheaper than ours. So that's the reason I brought that up. It's almost the same contract, you know, a dollar is a dollar. But it adds up, that's why I brought it up.

Mr. Cicak: It could be the same contract because it was bid specifically, and I listened to the call. It was about an hour and a half with an attorney that was going through both contracts. So...

Mr. Baker: Not saying that this was specifically exactly the same, but it was talking about the recycling bins and the size, that's the reason why I brought that up.

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Ms. Bryant: Mr. Sampson, you're talking about the mechanical part of it. If I'm understanding correctly, we're not doing that, but if we were to do that, everybody would have to have the same size everything would that be correct?

Mr. Sampson: Well we would be doing that with Rumpke. They would be able to send their crews out there, their 2 man crews and mechanically lift. We're not going to buy trash containers that can be mechanically lifted and have those manually lifted.

Ms. Bryant: But if I'm understanding what you had said earlier, what Mr. Hood said, people can continue to use the Recycling bin of their choice.

Mr. Sampson: I'm going to get clarification on that. We've actually, Jed spoke to me this afternoon, he reached out to their attorney, but we'll get clarification on that and share it with council.

Ms. Bryant: Ok, because I would like to thank the speakers for coming in tonight because I think that's a concern that I know it didn't cross my mind last meeting, but even if you hold it for a week or two to fill it up, you still have the problem of someone that has a physical disability or limitations that they're not going to be able to drag it out.

Mr. Sampson: Like I said, Rumpke, they do that currently with a handful of residents in our community. They're accommodating to help the disabled and the elderly.

Mr. Hood: And that's why it's dangerous Councilman Baker to compare us to other municipalities with out knowing the specifications..

Ms. Bryant: Bryant.

Mr. Hood: No, I'm talking to Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker: Oh, Ok

Mr. Hood: That's why it's dangerous comparing us to other municipalities because we don't know what the specifications of their contract is. We require Rumke to carry out service at the request of anybody who's elderly or disabled free of cost. So they don't have to take their bin to the curb if they don't wish. Ok? That's not for everybody but we build that into our pricing, we build that into our contract. Whether New Albany has that or not, I'm not sure, I don't know the answer to that question. They may not have that, that's something we build into our contract.

Mr. Baker: And see this is the first that I've known of that service provided. Because I've had an elderly neighbor, she recently moved to Wesley Ridge now and I saw her struggle to take the trash cans down to the curb and I would help her when I would see her, but I don't think a lot of residents know about that.

Mr. Sampson: We also provide a discount. We have a senior discount.

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Mr. Hood: That's why it's important to kind of instead of saying we've got this and they've got that, I'm not sure because we don't have all the precise details of it. That's one of the things that maybe we need to educate better, but that's one of the things we've always had.

Mr. Sampson: It's not an apples to apples comparison.

Mr. Baker: Like I said it's a service I never knew it existed and I have elderly neighbors that live around me.

President Joseph: The service of having them bring the trash out to the truck, is that something that is just they do? Or is it..

Mr. Sampson: it's in the contract.

President Joseph: Ok, somehow I missed that, but yeah I agree that would be great if there could be some kind of public education program because I didn't even know that and I've been here for awhile and I know some elderly people that don't know it either.

Mr. Sampson: That's part of the blitz. Part of what the grant provides us with from SWACO is \$1 of that will be used for doing public communication. Its also information that we can include in our water bills.

President Joseph: What process would an elderly person need to follow to have that done so I can pass that along?

Mr. Sampson: They can call me or they can call Rumpke.

Mr. Luzader: To get the senior discount, they just come into the water office, show them your id that you're over 60 years old, you get the discount right on the bill.

Mr. Clemens: Inaudible.

Mr. Sampson: That communication is important. That's what were here tonight for and that's what my job is. It's a step forward. We are a year behind where other communities are. Again, I brag about Reynoldsburg, we're the second or third largest recycling community in central Ohio and being able to provide a better medium to do that is of significant step forward. And in the long term if it keeps our prices, rates from going up significantly it's a win win.

Mr. Luzader: Again, I thank all you folks all coming, that's actually what I told Mr. Kraus last week when I talked to him on the phone. So, if you would get with Mr. Sampson and see if we can get some of your fears taken care of.

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RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/8/2018 7:33 PM
MOVER:	Brett Luzader, Ward 2 Councilmember	
SECONDER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

LEGISLATION FOR THIRD READING

98-18

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE EASEMENTS OVER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7309 AND 7311 LIVINGSTON AVENUE --- Luzader. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/8/2018 7:34 PM
MOVER:	Brett Luzader, Ward 2 Councilmember	
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Luzader, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	