

Pipestone, Minnesota
January 19, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Work Session of the Pipestone City Council was duly held in the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m. on the 19th day of January 2010. Mayor Laurie Ness called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared. Members present: Laurie Ness, Barbara Heyl, Jim Stout, Harry Hansen and Fred Portz. Absent: None. Others present: Deb Fitzgerald, Scott Swanson, Tom Darveaux, City Administrator/City Attorney Jeffrey Jones and City Clerk Joan Schroeder.

EXPAND GARBAGE SERVICE

Public Works Director Scott Swanson stated he is looking into expanding the City's garbage service by changing the City's service from bags to various size tote containers. He noted that at the present time the City only has 15 gallon green bags available with only 300 to 400 residences using them. If the City were to change to containers a number of problems could be eliminated such as animals ripping open bags, reducing injuries from heavy lifting or sharp objects, better neighborhood aesthetics and reducing the number of heavy trucks on City streets.

The cost for containers would be cheaper for people who use two or more bags per week and would include the \$6.50 drive by fee. Residents would be able to choose from three different sizes, 35, 65 and 95 gallon.

Monthly fees would be:

- 35 gallon container with drive by fee included –
\$8.00 + \$6.50 = \$14.50 per month or \$174.00 per year;
- 65 gallon container with drive by fee included –
\$10.00 + \$6.50 = \$16.50 per month or \$198.00 per year;
- 95 gallon container with drive by fee included –
\$12.00 + \$6.50 = \$18.50 per month or \$222.00 per year.

The cost to add the tippers on the back of the garbage trucks to make the trucks semi-automatic would be \$14,000. The combined costs for containers and tippers would be \$33,500.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the proposed service with the Mayor requesting the public's input.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Stout, seconded by Hansen and unanimously carried to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Laurie Ness
Mayor

ATTEST:

Joan Schroeder
City Clerk