

WALLA WALLA CITY COUNCIL
Work Session Minutes
September 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scribner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers Brian Casey, Rick Eskil, Ted Koehler, Steve Moss, Susan Nakonieczny, Gustavo Reyna, and Mayor Tom Scribner.

Absent: None

City staff in attendance: Deputy City Manager Robert Francis, Finance Director Liz Moeller, Public Works Director Ki Bealey, and City Clerk Lisa Neissl.

2. ACTIVE AGENDA

Mayor Scribner announced that the 2022 Audit Results Review would be continued for two weeks to the next work session.

A. 2024 Landfill and Sanitation Rates.

Staff gave a presentation on proposed rates.

There was discussion on:

- Advance notice requirements for rate increases.
- Fees for customers outside city limits.
- Future capacity of the landfill.
- Master planning and development of a future financial plan.
- Regular review and incremental increases minimize future rate shock to “catch-up”.
- Consultant to prepare more in-depth review next year to determine proposed rates for the next five years.

B. Review Recycling Contract Renewal and Recycling Rates.

Staff gave a presentation on the proposed contract renewal and Rebecca Francik of BDI was available for questions.

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There was discussion on:

- Possible introduction of plastics of value (#1 & 2 only).
 - Contamination issues.
- Glass recycling addition:
 - Time to acquire necessary equipment.
 - Costs associated with this addition.
 - Actual benefit of recycling glass.
 - Potential effect on private business.
- Carbon footprint of using one truck to collect both streams.
- Education component and timing of implementation.
- Notification requirements for rate increase.
- Feasibility of city operating recycling collection.
- Timeline, including end date of current contract.
- Need for State/Federal regulation on recycling issues.

3. MEETING ENDS

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5:48 p.m.

Approved:



Attest:

Mayor



City Clerk