

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting of the Millwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman at 6:00 p.m., June 3, 2014 at the Millwood City Hall. Council members present were: Glenn Bailey, Shaun Culler, Brian Ellingson, Dan Sander, and Richard Schoen. Also present: City Attorney Brian Werst, City Clerk/Planner Tom Richardson. The mayor announced that a quorum was present.

2. FLAG SALUTE: Val Putnam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

4. SOLID WASTE PLAN: Mayor Freeman provided an update on the solid waste RFP and the proposed County interlocal agreement. He said he attended a meeting with the Board of county Commissioners and the mayor of Liberty Lake on the previous Thursday. The commissioners said they would be willing to consider changes in the interlocal agreement suggested by the small cities. The county is now reviewing bids for the solid waste management plan consultant and the transfer station operations contractor. It is still unable to give Millwood a firm price for the gate fee. Spokane Valley is expected to take action on a contract for transfer and disposal this evening. The loss of Spokane Valley has caused the County to reconfigure its proposed interlocal agreement. The mayor said the May 31 deadline imposed by the County is off.

Mr. Werst reviewed the transfer and disposal proposal by Sunshine Disposal under the RFP. He said we have not received the latest revisions for the interlocal agreement.

Mr. Richardson talked about the landfill closure costs which are included in the proposed County rate but not in the Sunshine price. He said we may see a proposal in the future to fund landfill closure costs outside of the gate fee.

Mr. Schoen asked about IEP's waste and how the flow control ordinance would affect it. The mayor said the commissioners' intent is not to change the way industrial waste is being handled and would be willing to include language in the interlocal agreement to deal with this.

Mr. Werst described the process for terminating Waste Management's G-certificate granted by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Committee, and granting a city franchise to Waste Management. He said staff met with Waste Management people last week who expressed an interest in a mutually-agreed long-term franchise agreement.

Mr. Freeman said at the next meeting he would ask for authority to engage a solid waste consultant to review the Sunshine Disposal proposal and the County's interlocal agreement. He also said that staff would prepare a list of proposed changes in the interlocal agreement that the City would like Spokane County to consider. Mr. Culler suggested coordinating with Liberty Lake on the selection of the consultant.

Mr. Sander asked how the City protects its future liability from using a landfill. The mayor described the large regional landfills located in central Washington and in Oregon.

Mr. Schoen asked about the remaining life span of the Waste to Energy Plant. Mr. Richardson said he was told potentially 25 years but would involve significant capital investment. The mayor said that is not certain. The mayor noted that the City of Spokane does not have a "Plan B" in the event that the Waste to Energy Plant was to go out.

Mr. Culler asked about including the city's role in managing the system in our list of changes for the interlocal. The mayor said the county was adamant that it would not give cities any management control over the system's policies or rates, just an advisory role.

Mr. Sander said we should ask to change the interlocal so that revisions in the implementation would be pushed into the future, e.g. 18 months. Mr. Werst said we could ask for additional notice of proposed revisions so the city will have time to react and decide accordingly if this is going to be the right program for us or not.

Mr. Schoen asked about the Road Wear Fee included in the Sunshine Proposal to Spokane Valley. Mr. Werst also mentioned the \$125,000 administrative fee to be paid to Spokane Valley.

There was no action taken.

5. STAFF REPORT: None.

6. LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Werst said due to the time spent on the solid waste issue, the historic preservation ordinance which the council requested at the last meeting will not be ready for the June 10 meeting. He said he is working on the draft prepared by Ray Oligher a couple of years ago, and is confident that he will have it for the July meeting.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

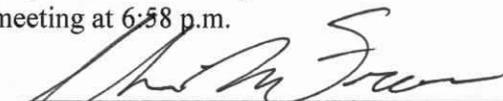
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The mayor reminded the council that the SCOPE parade and carnival would start at 11:00 a.m. on this coming Saturday.

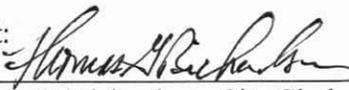
9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: George Castor, West Valley School District, asked about the city's plans to address the parking issue on Euclid Ave. The mayor said the city is preparing a lease application to Union Pacific Railroad which would include a fence along the right of way from Argonne to Dale, other safety improvements, and insurance/liability provisions. The lease application would include the area east of Argonne as well. Mr. Werst said he contacted the county about using their former railroad right of way for parking on a temporary basis, but it does not look like the county is interested. This may lead to restart of the effort by the city to obtain long-term control over a portion of the county property for a trail, etc.

Val Putnam asked about closing Marguerite during the farmers' market to provide more parking. The mayor said this would be tried one time to see how much disruption it would cause.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Bailey moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sander. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Freeman adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.


Kevin Freeman, Mayor

Attest: 
Thomas G. Richardson, City Clerk