



Rome-Floyd County Solid Waste Commission



Tuesday, November 24, 2015
9:30 AM
Sam King Room, 601 Broad Street

PRESENT: Commissioner Rhonda Wallace, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Kim Canada, Rome City Commission
Commissioner Irwin Bagwell, Floyd County Commission
Commissioner Bill Irscher, Rome City Commission
Mr. Sammy Rich, City Manager
Mr. Jamie McCord, Floyd County Manager
Mr. Kirk Milam, Rome Public Services Manager
Mr. Steven Foy, Rome Assistant Public Works Director
Mr. Gary Burkhalter, Floyd County Finance Director & Comptroller
Ms. Toni Rhinehart, Rome Finance Director
Mr. Michael Skeen, Floyd County Public Works Director
Mr. Mike Gattis, Rome Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Director

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Wallace called the meeting to order.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wallace asked for corrections to the September minute minutes. Commissioner Canada moved to approve the September minutes. Commissioner Bagwell seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioner Canada noted that Commissioner Irscher is sitting in for Commissioner Collins who was unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Landfill Projects Update

Mr. Foy updated the Commission on landfill projects. He reported that the we are looking for the contractor to move in sometime later this week to install the

above ground storage tank. The new tank has been built in Augusta, GA and now a foundation is being constructed for it.

Fox Manufacturing CAP II Review by EPD

Mr. Milam reported that the CAP II Corrective Action Plan was submitted in August 2014, and has not yet been reviewed. EPD has sent us a few comments in the meantime asking us to do an evaluation of risk reduction for some additional chemicals that were detected, so we have our consultant working on that now. We will continue as we are going forward and advise EPD if we should need to disturb the site in any way.

Walker Mountain MSWLF Pump Station, BID 046-15 Update

Mr. Foy reported that the bid opening for the Walker Mountain Pump Station was held on October 22nd, and only one bid was received. The bid was higher than our design consultant, Atlantic Coast Consulting, had estimated so they recommend we reject the bid and put the project out for bid again. They mentioned several changes that can be made to attract more bidders next time.

Mr. Milam added that the engineer's estimate was significantly lower than the bid received and staff was not comfortable accepting it. Usually we anticipate construction beginning immediately after the bid is awarded, but since we will be re-bidding in January, which is not a good time for construction, we will allow construction to take place in the early April.

NEW BUSINESS

Review 2016 Preliminary Draft Budget

Ms. Toni Rhinehart presented the 2016 draft budget. She noted revenues are up and expenditures are down for the year from where we were at this time last year, so there are no rate increases budgeted. Because there is an increase anticipated in expenses for the recycling center and a slight increase in payroll, a surplus next year of \$210,000 is being budgeted.

Commissioner Canada moved to recommend the budget to the City and County Commissions. Commissioner Irscher seconded. The motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Recycling Center

Operations Report

Mr. Skeen presented the September and October recycling reports for review. On the October report he noted that numbers are tracking the same as they have all year, although the co-mingled material shipped out is increasing. Paper, plastic and other commodities go down when co-mingled goes up. He added that the County Schools are sending their material elsewhere now.

Mr. Skeen announced that Mr. Skeggs is retiring. Mr. McCord added that operational costs are being reviewed for improvements. He noted the Center property needs to be fenced, an updated security camera system should be purchased and a new baler is much needed. Glass storage is becoming a problem. There are two dumpsters full of glass that we can't find a vendor for, and they need to be taken to the landfill. He added that we are at a point where we should consider not accepting it any longer. Commissioner Wallace asked for staff to look into this further and report back at the next meeting.

Financial Report

Mr. Burkhalter presented the September financial report and discussed some October figures since the October statement is not yet available. He noted on the September Accrual report that material sales were \$22,000 from last year and went down another \$33,000 again in October which is \$55,000 less than at this time last year.

On the expense side, salaries and benefits continue to track about \$30,000 higher than last year. The majority of the increase is due to overtime as well as upgrading the truck driver positions from Detail Officer to the higher class of Manager - Inmates. Supplies and other expenses are in line that how they have been tracking and are about \$17,000 less than the prior year. No equipment has been purchased and the depreciation expense is tracking less than the budget. Utilities are up significantly at a \$14,000 increase for September and about the same for October. There is a total operating loss of \$207,828 through October for a total of \$250,000 for the year. The change in net position is -\$227,115.

On the Cash report he noted that most everything is comparable except the payments coming from the Solid Waste Commission was \$201,000 in October and \$88,000 in September. There was a net decrease of \$174,000 and through October it was around \$70,000. The cash balance at the end of October was around \$37,000, but he noted that \$380,000 cash is due back to them from other operations which will bring total cash back up to \$415,000 at the end of October.

Walker Mountain Landfill

Mr. Gattis presented the October operations report for Walker Mountain Landfill. He noted that tonnage was up by 4,000 tons. Most of that was commercial. The total tonnage in all categories was up 8,400 tons for a total \$236,000 increase in revenues over last year.

Financial Report

The October financial report was distributed for review.

OTHER

Commissioner Canada said that since this is his last meeting he wanted to thank everyone for their hard work over the years adding that he has enjoyed working with this committee. Commissioner Wallace thanked him for his service.

ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hollingsworth

Margaret W. Hollingsworth, Secretary