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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

CC: Mayor Hanks
Dave VanCleave, Acting Sanitation Director

FROM: Dirk Jablonski, Public Works Director

DATE: July 25, 2007

RE: Complimentary Tipping at the Landfill

On March 15, 2004 the City Council adopted a policy that allowed a residential customer of the City garbage collection service one free use of the landfill per month if evidence that they were customers was provided. That evidence was intended to be the "utility" bill.

A resident of the City who has private garbage collection service used the landfill and was charged \$5.00 for the use. They had understood that if they provided a "water" bill that they use would be free.

The problem is with the wording used in the policy. It is contradictory in that although it clearly states that the free service is for residents "paying for city residential garbage collection" it goes on to say the "water bill may be used". The wording should actually be "utility bill".

I have visited with the citizen who brought this issue forward and believe that he is satisfied with the explanation. However, I would suggest that the policy be reviewed and discussed at the Solid Waste Task Force level and then brought back to the Public Works Committee for further consideration.

PICKUP AND SMALL TRAILER LOADS ARE CHARGED \$10.40/LOAD, UP TO AN ESTIMATED 1,000 LB. NET. IF THE SCALE ATTENDANT DETERMINES THAT THE LOAD SHOULD BE WEIGHED, THE CUSTOMER CAN BE CHARGED BY WEIGHT, AT \$45/TON WITH A MINIMUM FEE OF \$5.20. LANDFILL ATTENDANT MAY USE DISCRETION IN DETERMINING FEE.

IT SHALL BE THE POLICY THAT CITY RESIDENTS, PAYING FOR CITY RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION, WITH A CURRENT CITY RESIDENTIAL WATER BILL MAY USE THE LANDFILL FREE OF CHARGE FOR DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE, THE WATER BILL MAY BE USED ONLY ONCE AND IS STAMPED AS USED BY THE LANDFILL ATTENDANT.

THE PROCESSING OF YARD WASTE INTO COMPOST IS PRESENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE \$45/TON TIPPING FEE. IN 1993, WHEN THE YARD WASTE ORDINANCE WAS DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED, IT WAS RECOMMENDED AND DECIDED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A DIRECT CHARGE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE AT THE LANDFILL OPERATED YARDWASTE COMPOSTING SITE. WITH THE COMPOSTING OF YARD WASTE, THE SAVINGS OF LANDFILL SPACE IS A BENEFIT FOR ALL LANDFILL USERS. THEREFORE, THE FEE OR COST OF PROCESSING YARD WASTE, SUCH AS GRINDING, COMPOSTING, SCREENING, ETC. IS PAID FOR BY ALL LANDFILL USERS AND BUILT INTO THE TOTAL TIP FEE. THE ANNUAL COST OF OPERATING THE YARD WASTE COMPOSTING SITE IS @\$250,000/YEAR OR APPROXIMATELY \$3 OF THE \$45 TIPPING FEE.

COMPOSTED YARD WASTE IS SOLD AT DIFFERENT RATES. COARSE, ROUGH COMPOSTED YARD WASTE IS AT \$15/TON, ¾" SCREENED YARD WASTE IS AT \$25/TON, AND 3/8" COMPOST IS AT \$30/TON. WOOD CHIPS, AND SIMILAR MATTER ARE SOLD AT \$10/TON.

7103 – MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY(MRF)

THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF RAPID CITY THROUGH THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE MRF OPERATIONS ARE PAID BY \$30/TON OF THE \$45/TON TIPPING FEE. THE ONLY OTHER SOURCE OF REVENUE IS THE SALE OF RECYCLABLES RECOVERED THROUGH MRF OPERATIONS. THE ITEMS SOLD INCLUDE, ALUMINUM CANS, STEEL CANS, PLASTIC CONTAINERS, MIXED METALS, AND CARDBOARD. AFTER WASTE MANAGEMENT SHUT DOWN THEIR BALING OPERATION, THE RAPID CITY MRF BEGAN BALING OLD NEWSPAPER IN OCTOBER, 1999.

THE MAJOR SOURCES OF RECYCLABLES ARE THE SEPARATE COLLECTED BLUE BAGS, DROP OFF LOCATIONS SUCH AS FITZGERALD/FAIRMONT, NORTH RAPID YARD WASTE SITE, BLACK HILLS WORK SHOP, AND EAFB. A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RECYCLABLES ARE ALSO PULLED FROM THE GARBAGE STREAM BY SORTERS.

ANOTHER POTENTIAL SOURCE OF REVENUE WILL BE THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE(MSW) COMPOST IN @2003.

THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND MSW COMPOST FACILITY WERE BUILT TO DIVERT SIGNIFICANT TONNAGES FROM BEING LANDFILLED AND DOUBLE THE LIFE OF THE LANDFILL.

THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND MSW COMPOST FACILITY WERE DESIGNED AND BUILT TO MEET THE LANDFILL BANS ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW IN THE "SECOND CENTURY ENVIRONMENTAL ACT" OF 1992.

IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED, THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY HAS PREPARED AND SHIPPED OLD NEWSPAPER, BEGINNING IN FALL 1999, AND MIXED METALS IN EARLY 1999.

THE LANDFILL AND MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY, PROCESS APPROXIMATELY SIX ROLL OFF CONTAINERS PER WEEK OF MIXED METALS SUCH AS SCREEN DOORS, SIDING, LAWN FURNITURE, LAWN MOWERS, WIRING, BARBECUES, ETC..

49. No. PW030904-12 – Authorize staff to proceed with Request for Proposals for Centre Street Sanitary Sewer Extension Project No. SS00-940.
50. Approve a resolution amending the Solid Waste Operations Division policy establishing 90 days to be the time period that water bills are valid to access the landfill for free.
51. No. 04VE005 – Approve a Vacation of Utility and Minor Drainage Easement for Dream Design International, Inc. located along Sheridan Lake Road.

RESOLUTION OF VACATION OF
UTILITY AND MINOR DRAINAGE EASEMENT

WHEREAS it appears that a utility and minor drainage easement on Lots 1 and 2 of Autumn Hill Plaza Subdivision, located in the NW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 22, T1N, R7E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota, more generally described as being located along Sheridan Lake Road, is not needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS the owner(s) of property adjacent to the above-described property desires said utility and minor drainage easement to be vacated and released;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that the utility and minor drainage easement heretofore described, and as shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto, be and the same is hereby vacated.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2004.

ATTEST:
s/ James F. Preston
Finance Officer
(SEAL)

CITY OF RAPID CITY
s/ Jim Shaw, Mayor

52. No. 04FV001 – Approve a Fence Height Exception for petitioner Michael D. Letcher to allow a six foot fence in a Low Density Residential District on Lot 1 of Block 2 of Robbinsdale #7 Subdivision, Section 12, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota, located at 221 E. Fairmont Boulevard.

Legal & Finance Committee Consent Items

53. No. LF031004-14 – Approve Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government Grant Application for 2004-2005.
54. No. LF031004-15 - Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to sign Reallocation of Project Funding for Historic Preservation Commission Grant.
55. Authorize Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to apply for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a church on property currently owned by the City of Rapid City located at 910 Wood Avenue.
57. Authorize staff to advertise for bids for police vehicles.
58. No. LF031004-01 – Approve Travel Request for TJ Nicolai and Mike Thompson to attend 2004 Instructor Update/Navigator Conference in Las Vegas, NV, from May 2-7, 2004, in the approximate amount of \$1,677.
59. Authorize staff to apply for 2004 assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$550,000 (city's share \$165,000) for medium duty ladder truck.
60. No. LF031004-02 – Authorize expenditure up to \$18,000 for fireworks display as per the 3-Year Contract with Premier Pyrotechnics, Inc.
61. No. LF031004-02 – Authorize payment of \$14,000 at this time for the fireworks (excluding shooting fees and overhead costs).