



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on January 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor McDonnell, Council Members Biedenstein, Griffin, Jaksetic, Luetzow, Sears, and Ward. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, City Clerk Betty Montañó, and Public Information Officer Beth von Behren.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Griffin and seconded by Council Member Biedenstein to approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

SANITATION SERVICES

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes and Director of Public Services Bill Bensing presented the matter to the council. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- In February 2013, the City Council was presented a plan by the Sanitation Department that was looking to improve operations and expanding its efforts in providing recycling and solid waste collection to Kirkwood commercial businesses.
- Due to staffing changes a more in depth analysis of the program was done.
- In an effort to validate these revenue projections, the current commercial customer accounts were audited.
- An existing inventory of private haulers was used, supplemented by an inventory provided by Progressive Waste.
- Council Member Ward joined the meeting.
- In addition to the revenue review, the operational budget was also reviewed.
- The initial proposal showed a profit of \$1,047,575 to a reviewed loss of \$336,656.
- It is recommended that the City look into out-sourcing commercial solid waste collection to meet their goal of providing commercial solid waste collection and commercial recycling. A discussion took place. Recommendation is to start with out-sourcing new customers. There is no reduction in staff being recommended.
- Question was raised and a discussion took place regarding why commercial businesses receive recycling at no additional cost while residential does.
- Question was raised regarding if the transfer station is needed. A discussion took place. The transfer station will reduce man hours and fuel costs.
- Director of Public Services will speak with the City Attorney regarding the contracts currently in place with existing customers.
- It was requested that a proposal with more detailed information be brought back to the council.
- Council unanimously agreed to allow staff to move forward with the recommendation.

There being no further issues to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

Laurie Asche
Deputy City Clerk