CD Conference Room 128
Blue Springs City Hall
903 W Main St.
Blue Springs, Missouri

Solid Waste Management Commission
Meeting Notice & Agenda

Wednesday, November 18, 2024, 6:00pm

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Approval of September 5, 2024 Minutes
4. Discussion Topics
   a. Composting - Presentation by Kristin Chamberlain from KC Can Compost
   b. Recycling Centers - MARC Information
5. Comments/Questions from SWMC Members
6. Adjourn

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Community Development

Blue Springs, Missouri
Community Development

MEMORANDUM

TO: Solid Waste Commissioners and Liaisons

FROM: Traci Breshears, Community Development Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Summary of September 5, 2024 Solid Waste Management Commission Meeting

Attendance

Solid Waste Commissioners in Attendance: David Mann, Chairperson John Nolan Ann Leinn Gibson, Vice Chair	*Liaisons in Attendance*: Galen Ericson, District 1 (SWMC Liaison)
Solid Waste Commissioners Absent:	*City Councilmembers Absent:*
Staff in Attendance: Mike Mallon, Community Dev. - Phone Matt Wright, Community Dev. Nathan Jurey, Senior Planner Karen Findora, Community Development Jackie Sommer, City Attorney	

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Quorum

3. Comments on the October 7, 2020 meeting notes

There were no comments or corrections made to the March 27, 2019 meeting notes and, therefore, stand approved. (APPROVED Aye-4, No-0, Abstain-1)

4. Discussion Topics
    a. SWMC Rules and Procedures and Attendance Policy

    Mike Mallon, Senior Director of City Development, went over the Rules of Procedure updates for the commission. Chairperson David Mann asked about what entitles a conflict of interest to which Mr. Mallon explained what type of conflict it would be and what would happen if there was a conflict.

    b. Recycling

    Chairperson Mann went over the Recycling information he researched, which included Recycling Centers in the area that MARC has on their website. Chairperson Mann stated

that all of these recycling centers are free to the public, regardless of the city they live in. Chairperson Mann stated he would like to find out if MARC could partially or fully fund a recycling center within the city.

Commissioner John Nolan discussed what happened previously with cutting the recycling center. He stated there was discussion with the recycling center on 7 Hwy about working with them, however, the owner stated he wanted to remain for profit, which the city did not want to do. Commissioner Nolan stated that if MARC could at least partially fund a program, that the citizens would support it, but funds coming close to $100,000 or more would likely cause the City to turn it down due to cost.

Alice Fuerst stated that MARC has grants, but that they are not multi-year grants and that she does not recall MARC funding another city's recycling center. Ms. Fuerst did state that this year, a $75,000 grant as a one-time grant for a large project.

Mr. Mallon stated that there are grants to help off-set the costs, however, the grants are highly competitive so there is no guarantee year-to-year that the City would receive one. He stated that after the City's recycling center was closed that the largest justification was that most trash companies now offer a recycling service.

Chairperson Mann asked if the county has any sustainability initiatives for municipalities, to which Mr. Mallon stated he was unaware of one. Chairperson Mann stated that a recycling center would be able to get off the ground but only if it was required, or if costs had come down enough since the last center was in place.

Commissioner Gibson asked if we know what Independence and Lees Summit are doing for recycling. Mr. Mallon stated that he didn't know. Commissioner Nolan stated that Independence closed their recycling facility just before the City closed theirs.

Commissioner Susan Stokenbury stated her neighbor gets her recycle picked up. Commissioner Nolan stated that individual trash companies have recycle services for an additional fee. Mr. Mallon stated that the Recycling Recovery Park in Lees Summit is still open. Commissioner Stokenbury asked for clarification that Chairperson Mann would like for the City to reopen the recycling center if costs have declined. Commissioner Nolan explained that the City used to have a recycling center at Pink Hill Park, but that the cost to have the recycling hauled off got to expensive and so the center was closed.

Commissioner Mann asked that if opening a recycling center were feasible, if Pink Hill Park could still be an option. Mr. Mallon stated that the Park has had some improvements, added storage and the Parks building is being improved this year, but that it would likely be one of the best areas to do it. Mr. Mallon stated that staff would look into some possibilities of areas for a center.

Commissioner Nolan suggested that a new opportunity could be the Career Innovation Center. He stated looking into working with the district to go after a repetitive grant from

the education side if there were enough students that would operate it if that would be a potential.

Mr. Mallon stated that staff could look into that as well. He stated that a resident survey is in the works for the next year and that the recycling question will be on it again, which will allow the City to see if sentiments have changed. Mr. Mallon asked what the Commission would like staff to look into from a recycling standpoint.

Chairperson Mann stated that he would like us to look into what other city's pay for their recycling to give us an idea of the cost to the city.

Commissioner Nolan asked if staff could look into if there is a way to tie the City's sustainability initiatives to the school district's sustainability initiatives and if the City and the district could work together to improve the City's sustainability.

Commissioner Gibson asked if we could add to the survey to ask if people would be willing to pay one or two dollars more on their utility bill to re-open the recycling center. Commissioner Nolan stated that the last time they polled about that question that it was an overwhelming no.

Commissioner Stokenbury asked if there was any money in the budget for recycling. Mr. Mallon stated that there was not in the current budget. Mr. Mallon stated that the Commission can work with staff in researching and approaching the next budget cycle.

Alice Fuerst asked if the Household Hazardous Waste was still in the budget, to which Mr. Mallon stated that we do have it in the budget and we did it this year in April or May and that we used to do it in the fall as well, but the better turn out is in the spring.

Commissioner Gibson asked the cost to hold the HHW event. Mr. Mallon stated that at the end of it, the total is approximately $70,000.

Commissioner Mann said he was curious if there was a way to work with other city's to split the overall cost amongst them.

c. Composting

Chairperson Mann presented on the topic of composting.

Commissioner Nolan asked if composting was regulated by the city. Mr. Mallon stated that we allow for it, but it has setback standards.

Chairperson Mann stated that his business works with a service to divert composting and that the service does work with municipalities, businesses and residences. Chairperson Mann was wanting to know if there would be interest from the city.

Commissioner Nolan wants to know if the city could make money off of it.

The service Chairperson Mann uses stated they could do an audit of city facilities to determine how many bins would be needed for city buildings and parks. Residents could work with the city to set up collection points and they are rolling out new bins that work with an app. Chairperson Mann said the more residents that sign up, the cheaper it becomes.

Commissioner Stokenbury stated that the compost could be used around the city for maintenance.

Commissioner _____ asked if the city must report their emissions to the county or state. Commissioner Nolan stated that he believes MARC is the only one we are supposed to report to. Chairperson Mann asked if there is any benefit in reporting the numbers, i.e. government grants for cutting emissions. He also stated that the service he uses weighs the incoming compost to give you metric on how much has been collected and diverted.

Commissioner Gibson stated that she thinks it would most benefit the schools and restaurants.

Commissioner Nolan stated it would be worth while to have them come in and do an audit.

Commissioner Gibson asked if there was a breakdown of cost on the previous recycling center. Mr. Mallon stated that we could put it out for a bid again to see if the cost has raised or dropped.

Commissioner Gibson suggested we reach out to the gentleman who has the recycling center on 7 Hwy to find out his costs. Commissioner Nolan stated he can reach out to him to see if he could give the commission some numbers or come talk to the commission at another date.

Chairperson Mann asked if there was money to be made if the City went to a single hauler and use the money to pay for the recycling center. Commissioner Nolan stated that when broached before it was not well received among citizens as everyone has a preferred trash hauler. Chairperson Mann stated it would be interesting to add to the city survey. Mr. Mallon stated other cities in the metro have done it. Commissioner Nolan stated that if we approached the city and citizens with the fact that it could bring us a recycling center, it might give people a reason to sway their opinions. Mr. Mallon stated it would also lower the wear and tear on the streets by only having one trash company driving through our city.

5. <u>Other business</u>

Mr. Mallon stated that at the next meeting we can go over the single trash company. Mr. Mallon also stated that at the last meeting they went over Missouri State Statutes for contracting Solid Waste and disposal, and that the commission should go over it again at the

next meeting. He stated he will do research on recycling from other cities and MARC and composting information. He can also bring information on past discussions of single haulers, as well as how many people we have in the City and how many haulers are working within the city.

6. Set next meeting date
   Chairperson Mann suggested having one prior to Thanksgiving and then wait again til after Christmas. Commissioner Stokenbury suggested the 3rd or 4th week in October. Commissioners agreed that the second half of October would be a good time. Commissioners stated that the doodle poll worked well.

7. Adjourn
   _____ made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner_____.

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Respectfully Submitted by
Traci Breshears, Recording Secretary

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David Mann, Chairperson

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Date

Blue Springs, Missouri
Community Development
Planning Division

Solid Waste Management Commission Meeting

November 20, 2024

Recycling Information from Mid-America Regional Council and Recycle Spot

Cities that operate drop-off recycling centers in our area are

Missouri

Weston (for their residents only)

Kansas City (3 of them)

Liberty

Excelsior Springs

Lee's Summit

Kearney

Kansas

Wyandotte County/KCK

Overland Park

Olathe

City of Leavenworth