

Minutes of Special Meeting held August 19, 2019

Special meeting with the following present:

Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Laura Reyna, Sam Cortez, Ruben Gonzalez; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath; Police Chief Richard Priest; Fire Marshal Matt Dear; Library Director Cassandra Cortez. Alderman Farmer was absent.

Visitors: Christopher Cox, from Waste Management, Kristi Ann Brown from Tiger Sanitation, Kathy Garcia, Veronica Garcia, Simon Garcia.

Mayor Mark Bowen opened the special meeting at 6:44 p.m. and read the agenda aloud.

**PRESENTATION BY WASTE MANAGEMENT ON GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE CITY AND NOTIFICATION OF RATE INCREASE FOR CUSTOMERS-CHRISTOPHER COX**

Christopher Cox, Waste Management representative told Council he had recently taken over for Albert Perez. He explained that the city's contract has been in place since 1984 and that Waste Management would like to update this contract. Mr. Cox also reviewed the letter that was sent to the city concerning their proposed rate increases ( \$6.11 per household and 3.8% for commercial customers).

Mr. Cox answered several questions from Council members. He told Council that Waste Management can provide a recycling program if they choose to go with this and gave estimates for recycling of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per month if every week or \$3.00 to \$4.00 more per month, if done every other week. He said if Council chooses, a container could be set up for all recyclable items and said Jourdanton has recently gone to this type of recycling. Alderwoman Reyna said she was concerned about the price increase to the customers and that she feels it would benefit the city to hear from other providers. After more discussion, Alderwoman Reyna made the motion that this item be tabled for now and have the City Attorney review contract, so city can go out for competitive procedure. Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Passed unanimously.

Special meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.