

Public Services Committee

Meeting Agenda

February 27, 2023 4:30 p.m.

Fillmore Conference Room – Thurber Community Building

1. February 27, 2023/4:30 p.m. Fillmore Conference Room -Thurber Community Building.
2. Determine if the Committee wants to continue studying/discussing potential changes in the method of providing garbage services or if the Committee has developed any conclusions at this point.

The Public Services Committee met in special session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Members Present: Council members Pam Bluhm and Dave Frank.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Joel Young & Shane Fox.

Garbage and Recycling Contract: Both members of the committee stated that the city should stay with bags until a later time.

Bluhm noted that Ostrander, which recently switched to a cart system, is now in the process of adding bags back to the system. She also noted that Rushford uses bags, as do some other communities. She thought the City should continue to use bags instead of using carts.

Frank said that the City will eventually move to the cart system but suggested that it would make sense to take more time to prepare for the change. He suggested that the City should stick with the bag system for at least one more year and that the committee should take that time to study the various aspects associated with changing to the cart system.

Bill Hanson agreed with the suggestion to stay with bags until the City could be better prepared. He pointed out, though, that the cost of bags needs to increase as was discussed some months ago and he said that his base fee needs to increase because of increased labor and equipment costs.

The committee determined to make the following recommendations:

1. That the City Council delay any decision to change to carts for one year, to give the committee time to gather more information. At about this time next year, the city council would revisit the issue again.
2. To amend the Hauler contract to define apartment buildings and mixed-use buildings in such a way that those buildings can be considered commercial for the purpose of garbage collection.
3. To support an increase in the price of bags as previously discussed by the city council.
4. To support a \$2.00 base fee increase for the hauler, due to increased costs of labor and equipment.
5. To amend the garbage collection ordinance regarding apartment buildings, etc.