	CITY OF COFFEYVILLE **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM**	
MEETING DATE	January 22, 2013	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER	For Discussion	
AGENDA TITLE	**Waste Collection Services Agreement**	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Finance	
PRESENTER	Angie Naden, Treasurer	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	
	Budget Line Item:	700-5-000-478 – residential trash service expense line item Professional Services Line Item (478) within the various departments for City facility trash collection Budget for 2013 was prepared assuming cost/rates of would remain at current levels
	Balance Available	
	New Appropriation Required:	[ ] Yes [X] No
PURPOSE	To discuss the bids received for residential trash and recycling collection services, as well as trash collection services for 23 City facilities	

BACKGROUND	The current trash collection service agreement has been in place with Waste Connections since April 1, 2010. This contract expires on March 31, 2013. Requests for bids were prepared and sent to two companies – Waste Connections and Republic (formerly Allied Waste) – both of which had requested they be on our bid list. Notice of the bid request was also placed on the City's website. A bid opening was held on December 19 and the bid tab is attached. **Reference Exhibit A**. Prior to sending out bid request documents, staff met to discuss the various options we wanted to have quoted. Taking Commission comments about the deterioration the large trash trucks are doing to streets and the desire to go back to alley pick up in mind, options were requested using smaller trucks and alley pick up. In addition, an option was requested for curb side recycling. Our current service, using the largest trucks, came in cheaper than what we pay currently, from both vendors. Bids for the options using the smallest trucks (36,000 lb. gross vehicle weight), not surprisingly, came in at costs that would require significant rate increases to our citizens. While the quotes for the smaller trucks are still included in your packet, they won't be further discussed as a viable option. Options using 56,000 lb. trucks (current size used by vendor) and a mid-weight truck at 46,000 lbs. are those which seem reasonable for consideration.
SPECIAL NOTES	N/A

ANALYSIS	Quotes were received for 4 different trash collection options. Costs and rates will be mentioned in the following order in each discussion – Residential, Senior and Extra Poly Cart. **Please reference Exhibit D**, Rate and Cost Analysis. The merits of each option are as follows: **Option 2** – Curb side collection using a 46K Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) truck. Best cost for this option was provided by **Republic** at $11.00, $10.50 and $5.90. We could maintain rates at current levels and still provide approximately the same annual amount of funds into our Nuisance Abatement Fund, which is used for neighborhood beautification projects including weed lot mowing and demolition. Pro – smaller trucks on streets; Con – not as much into our Nuisance Fund as another option allows. **Option 3** – Curb side collection AND alley pick up, where possible, using a 46K GVW truck. Best cost for this option was provided by **Republic** at $11.00, $10.50 and $5.90. We could maintain rates at current levels and still provide approximately the same annual amount of funds into our Nuisance Abatement Fund. Pro – smaller trucks on streets, carts moved back to alley for some residents; Con – alley deterioration, which we would be responsible to repair; not as much into our Nuisance Fund as another option allows. **Option 4** – Curb side collection using a 56K GVW truck and a 46K GVW truck in select areas (dead ends, cul de sacs and other areas where there is limited "turn around" space for the large trucks). Best cost for this option was provided by **Republic** at $11.00, $10.50 and $5.90. We could maintain rates at current levels and still provide approximately the same annual amount of funds into our Nuisance Abatement Fund. Pro – smaller trucks on some streets; Con – same price as Option 2, which provides smaller trucks on ALL streets; not as much into our Nuisance Fund as another option allows. **Option 1** – Curb side collection using a 56K GVW truck (this is our current level of service). **Waste Connections** came in at a cost of $9.95, $9.45 and $5.90, which is less than we currently pay. By maintaining our customer rates at their current level of $13.00, $12.00 and $7.00, we have the ability to increase the funds available for Nuisance Abatement. Pro – seamless transition for the customer with service and rates maintained at current levels; enhanced ability to provide neighborhood beautification services. Con – large trucks on the street.

	After reviewing all options, staff prefers Option 1, which is our current level of service, with our current vendor, at our current rates. From a dollar and cents point of view, this option makes the most sense. Staff recognizes the Commission has expressed other opinions for their top priority regarding our trash collection service and further discussion of the most feasible option may be warranted before a final decision is made. Bids were also received for the collection of trash at 23 City facilities. **Reference Exhibit B**. Republic bid $2,054.65 per month as a stand alone bid, while Waste Connections bid $2,223.00 per month. If we award Republic the residential contract, our City facilities trash collection rate would decrease to $1,872.73 per month. **Based on the lower cost offered by Republic in either scenario, staff recommends using their service for City facilities.** **Recycling:** In conjunction with the trash collection services, we also received bids from both vendors for curb side recycling services. Costs came in at $6.20 per month from Waste Connections and $6.60 per month from Republic – every residence would pay for the service at this rate. Voluntary participation rates were even higher, with a minimum of one-half our households required to participate. A survey was recently conducted on our website to ascertain the community's interest in a curb side recycling program. **Reference Exhibit F.** At the present time, it appears that while a majority of the 422 responders would like to participate in recycling, they would not be in favor of paying the current quoted rate. We will continue to research other ways to provide recycling for our residents, but a curb side recycling program is not something we would currently recommend. Other documents for your reference are attached, including a City of Coffeyville Trash Services Cost and Rate History (Exhibit C), along with a KACM Trash and Recycling Rate Survey (Exhibit E). The KACM survey indicates the City of Coffeyville is currently below the average trash collection rate of $14.69 for those communities that responded.
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	A survey was conducted on the City's website to determine interest in a curb side recycling program. 422 responses were received in a three week period. The survey was advertised on Channel 13, on the website, through the radio, press releases in all four area papers and a flyer was sent home with students at CE and RMS.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	There are several factors to consider with this decision – maintaining rates, maintaining or enhancing our Nuisance Abatement Fund, or reducing the size and weight of the trash trucks on our streets. It is the recommendation for tonight's meeting that a Commission consensus be reached and staff given a direction for a resolution and contract presentation at the January 22, 2013 meeting.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	Exhibit A: Bid Tab for Residential Exhibit B: Bid Tab for City Facilities Exhibit C: City of Coffeyville Trash Services Cost and Rate History Exhibit D: Analysis of Cost and Rate Options Exhibit E: KACM Residential Trash/Recycling Rate Survey Exhibit F: Recycling Survey Results

Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Bid Tab

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

City of Coffeyville Conference Room

Exhibit A

	Company	
Required to Bid	**Republic**	**Waste Connections**
Trash Service:		
1) Curb Side Pick-Up, NTE 56,000 GVW - *CURRENT SERVICE*		
Residential Price	$ 10.00	$ 9.95
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 9.50	$ 9.45
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 5.90
2) Curb Side Pick-Up, NTE 36,000 GVW		
Residential Price	$ 15.00	$ 17.75
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 14.00	$ 16.50
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 10.00
2a) Curb Side Pick-Up, NTE 46,000 GVW		
Residential Price	$ 11.00	$ 11.75
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 10.50	$ 9.75
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 6.00

		Exhibit A
3) Combo NTE 36,000 GVW and Alley (where possible)		
Residential Price	$ 15.00	$ 18.25
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 14.00	$ 17.00
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 10.00
3a) Combo NTE 46,000 GVW and Alley (where possible)		
Residential Price	$ 11.00	$ 12.00
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 10.50	$ 10.00
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 6.00
4) Curb Side NTE 56,000 GVW and 36,000 GVW (map)		
Residential Price	$ 15.00	$ 11.45
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 14.00	$ 10.50
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 6.00
4a) Curb Side NTE 56,000 GVW and 46,000 GVW (map)		
Residential Price	$ 11.00	$ 11.25
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 10.50	$ 10.25
Additional Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 6.00

		Exhibit A
Recycling Service:		
1) Compulsary Participation - 2 x per month		
Residential Price	$ 6.60	$ 6.20
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 6.27	$ 5.70
2) Voluntary Participation - 2 x per month		
Residential Price	$ 11.20	$ 9.25
Sr. Citizen Price	$ 10.64	$ 8.75
Minimum Number to Participate	50% total houses	1,800
City Owned Facilities Service:		
23 Locations - Total Monthly Cost	**$ 2,054.65**	**2,223.00**

Exhibit B

City of Coffeyville City-Owned Facility Trash Pick-up					
Location	**Address**	**Number/Size of Dumpsters**	**Pick-up Times Per Week**	**Republic Bid**	**Waste Bid**
Electric Plant	605 S. Santa Fe	1- 4 Yd	2	$ 125.00	$ 135.00
Electric Distribution Building	616 S. Spring	1- 3 Yd	2	$ 97.40	108.00
Water Treatment Plant	1702 River Road	1- 4 Yd	1	$ 62.50	70.00
Public Service Barn	1106 River Road	1 Lg Roll Off	As Needed	$185 + $32.50/ton	$250 + $30.00/ton
Public Service Barn	1106 River Road	1- 3 Yd	1	$ 48.70	54.50
Library	311 W. 10th	1- 2 Yd	1	$ 32.75	37.50
Wastewater Treatment Plant	503 E. CR 1400	3- 3 Yd	1	$ 146.10	163.50
Aquatic Center	1906 N. Buckeye	1- 3 Yd	1*	$ 48.70	54.50
Hillcrest Golf Course	1509 N. Cline	1- 3 Yd	1	$ 48.70	54.50
Hillcrest Golf Course	1509 N. Cline	3 Polycarts	1	$ 41.55	45.00
Fairview Cemetery	2602 Woodland	1- 3 Yd	1	$ 48.70	54.50
City Hall	102 W. 7th	1- 4 Yd	2	$ 125.00	135.00
Youth Activities Center	502 S. Walnut	1- 3 Yd	1	$ 48.70	54.50
Fire Department	701 S. Walnut	1- 3 Yd	1	$ 48.70	54.50
Woods RV Park (as needed)	701 Hargis	1- 4 Yd	1**	$ 62.50	70.00
Woods RV Park	701 Hargis	12 Polycarts	1**	$ 166.65	180.00
Rivercrest RV Park (as needed)	600 Wood	1- 4 Yd	1**	$ 62.50	70.00
Rivercrest RV Park	600 Wood	13 Polycarts	1**	$ 180.50	195.00
Walter Johnson Playground	401 Hargis	5 Polycarts	1	$ 69.25	75.00
Ron Stevenson Building	601 Park Avenue	1 Polycart	1	$ 13.85	15.00
LeClere Park	1600 Woodland	5 Polycarts	1	$ 69.25	75.00
Pfister Park	1901 N. Buckeye	8 Polycarts	1	$ 110.80	120.00
Harmon Park	804 E. 3rd	3 Polycarts	1	$ 41.55	45.00
Downtown Business District		14 Trash Cans	1	$ 75.00	No Charge
Airport	N Hwy 169	1- 3 Yd	1	$ 48.70	54.50
Animal Shelter	502 E. CR 1400	1 Polycart	1	$ 13.85	15.00
Brown Mansion	Eldridge & Walnut	1- 2 Yd	1	$ 32.75	37.50
	Total Per Month Price			**$ 2,054.65**	**2,223.00**

* = June 1 - August 31

** = Set Oct - Dec

Note: Total number of polycarts will stay same; location may change as needs arise.

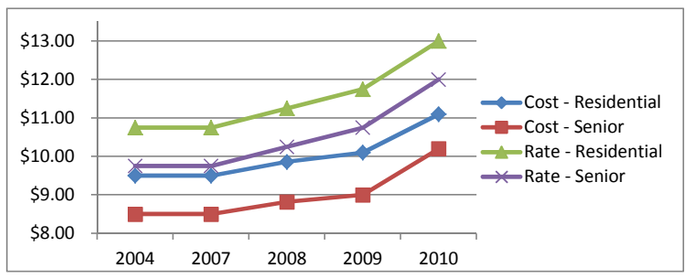
Exhibit C

Year	Company	Cost Residential	Rate Residential	Margin	Cost Senior	Rate Senior	Margin	Cost Add'l Poly	Rate Add'l Poly	Margin	Notes:
2004	Dual/Mark	$ 9.50	$ 10.75	$ 1.25	$ 8.50	$ 9.75	$ 1.25	$ 5.00	$ 6.00	$ 1.00	Mandatory Trash implemented
2007	Allied (now Republic)	$ 9.50	$ 10.75	$ 1.25	$ 8.50	$ 9.75	$ 1.25	$ 5.00	$ 6.00	$ 1.00	New Contract
2008	Allied (now Republic)	$ 9.86	$ 11.25	$ 1.39	$ 8.82	$ 10.25	$ 1.43	$ 5.00	$ 6.00	$ 1.00	CPI increase requested by Vendor
2009	Allied (now Republic)	$ 10.10	$ 11.75	$ 1.65	$ 9.00	$ 10.75	$ 1.75	$ 5.00	$ 6.00	$ 1.00	CPI increase requested by Vendor
2010	Waste Connections	$ 11.10	$ 13.00	$ 1.90	$ 10.20	$ 12.00	$ 1.80	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 1.10	New Contract
				17.12%			17.65%			18.64%	

Current Numbers as of 11/2012

Residential	2,859	$	65,185.20
Senior	724	$	15,638.40
Extra Poly Cart	267	$	3,524.40
		$	**84,348.00**

Annual Margin Revenue - Based on current



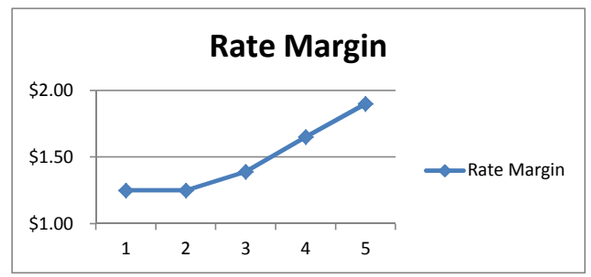


Exhibit D

Current Rate Structure		Per Month
Residential	$	13.00
Senior	$	12.00
Extra Poly Cart	$	7.00

Current Margin		Per Month
Residential	$	1.90
Senior	$	1.80
Extra Poly Cart	$	1.10

Current Numbers as of 11/12	
Residential	2,859
Senior	724
Extra Poly Cart	267

	Waste Connections				Republic			
	Bid Price	Rate w/ Current Margin	Current Rate	Potential Rate Increase/(Decrease)	Bid Price	Rate w/ Current Margin	Current Rate	Potential Rate Increase/(Decrease)
1) Curb Side; 56K GVW - *CURRENT SERVICE*								
Residential	$ 9.95	$ 11.85	$ 13.00	$ (1.15)	$ 10.00	$ 11.90	$ 13.00	$ (1.10)
Sr. Citizen	$ 9.45	$ 11.25	$ 12.00	$ (0.75)	$ 9.50	$ 11.30	$ 12.00	$ (0.70)
Add'l Polycart	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
Annual Available for Nuisance Abatement		**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 130,318.20**			**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 128,168.40**	
2) Curb Side; 36K GVW								
Residential	$ 17.75	$ 19.65	$ 13.00	$ 6.65	$ 15.00	$ 16.90	$ 13.00	$ 3.90
Sr. Citizen	$ 16.50	$ 18.30	$ 12.00	$ 6.30	$ 14.00	$ 15.80	$ 12.00	$ 3.80
Add'l Polycart	$ 10.00	$ 11.10	$ 7.00	$ 4.10	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
2a) Curb Side; 46K GVW								
Residential	$ 11.75	$ 13.65	$ 13.00	$ 0.65	$ 11.00	$ 12.90	$ 13.00	$ (0.10)
Sr. Citizen	$ 9.75	$ 11.55	$ 12.00	$ (0.45)	$ 10.50	$ 12.30	$ 12.00	$ 0.30
Add'l Polycart	$ 6.00	$ 7.10	$ 7.00	$ 0.10	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
Annual Available for Nuisance Abatement		**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 65,637.00**			**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 85,172.40**	
3) Curb & Alley; 36K GVW								
Residential	$ 18.25	$ 20.15	$ 13.00	$ 7.15	$ 15.00	$ 16.90	$ 13.00	$ 3.90
Sr. Citizen	$ 17.00	$ 18.80	$ 12.00	$ 6.80	$ 14.00	$ 15.80	$ 12.00	$ 3.80
Add'l Polycart	$ 10.00	$ 11.10	$ 7.00	$ 4.10	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
3a) Curb & Alley; 46K GVW								
Residential	$ 12.00	$ 13.90	$ 13.00	$ 0.90	$ 11.00	$ 12.90	$ 13.00	$ (0.10)
Sr. Citizen	$ 10.00	$ 11.80	$ 12.00	$ (0.20)	$ 10.50	$ 12.30	$ 12.00	$ 0.30
Add'l Polycart	$ 6.00	$ 7.10	$ 7.00	$ 0.10	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
Annual Available for Nuisance Abatement		**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 54,888.00**			**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 85,172.40**	
4) Curb (56K GVW) & Restricted Size (36K GVW)								
Residential	$ 11.45	$ 13.35	$ 13.00	$ 0.35	$ 15.00	$ 16.90	$ 13.00	$ 3.90
Sr. Citizen	$ 10.50	$ 12.30	$ 12.00	$ 0.30	$ 14.00	$ 15.80	$ 12.00	$ 3.80
Add'l Polycart	$ 6.00	$ 7.10	$ 7.00	$ 0.10	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
4a) Curb (56K GVW) & Restricted Size (46K GVW)								
Residential	$ 11.25	$ 13.15	$ 13.00	$ 0.15	$ 11.00	$ 12.90	$ 13.00	$ (0.10)
Sr. Citizen	$ 10.25	$ 12.05	$ 12.00	$ 0.05	$ 10.50	$ 12.30	$ 12.00	$ 0.30
Add'l Polycart	$ 6.00	$ 7.10	$ 7.00	$ 0.10	$ 5.90	$ 7.00	$ 7.00	$ -
Annual Available for Nuisance Abatement		**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 78,447.00**			**$ 84,348.00**	**$ 85,172.40**	

Options deemed most feasible from staff analysis

Exhibit E

KACM Trash and Recycling Rate Survey
11/2012

City		Homeowner Rate Per Month	What Rate Includes
Andover	$	9.97	Trash
Baldwin	$	11.50	Trash
Columbus	$	11.50	Trash
Parsons	$	11.80	Trash, Bulky
Chantue	$	12.63	Trash
Coffeyville	***$***	***13.00***	***Trash, Yard Waste, Bulky***
Salina	$	13.40	Trash
Colby	$	14.50	Trash, Yard Waste
Augusta	$	14.50	Trash
Emporia	$	14.84	Trash
Tonganoxie	$	15.00	Trash
Hays	$	15.20	Trash
Topeka	$	15.26	Trash
Leavenworth	$	15.40	Trash
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Independence	$	16.20	Trash 2X/wk
Junction City	$	16.73	Trash
Lawrence	$	16.94	Trash
Dodge City	$	17.25	Trash
Arkansas City	$	18.17	Trash
Garden City	$	19.25	Trash, Yard Waste
	$	***14.69***	***Average Per Month Trash Only***
Hutchinson	$	10.05	Trash, Recycling
Fedonia	$	10.50	Trash, Recycling
Neodesha	$	11.00	Trash, Recycling, Bulky
El Dorado	$	12.60	Trash, Recycling
Bonner Springs	$	12.80	Trash, Recycling
Basehor	$	14.03	Trash, Recycling
Andover	$	14.47	Trash, Recycling
De Soto	$	14.96	Trash, Recycling
Winfield	$	15.31	Trash, Recycling
Spring Hill	$	16.11	Trash, Recycling
Osawatomie	$	16.39	Trash, Recycling
Lansing	$	16.69	Trash, Recycling
Olathe	$	19.25	Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste
Topeka	$	19.26	Trash, Recycling
Newton	$	19.87	Trash, Recycling, Bulky
Salina	$	28.40	Trash, Recycling (voluntary)
	$	***15.73***	***Average Per Month Trash and Recycling***

Recycling Survey Responses as of 12/31/12 422

Household Emphasis on Recycling			
Not Interested in Recycling	30	7%	
Recycle Occasionaly	44	10%	
Recycle Some of the Time	76	18%	
Recycle Most of the Time	95	23%	
Don't Recycle, But Want To	177	42%	93% Interested in Recycling
How Important is it to Recycle?			
Not Important	19	5%	
Not Sure	11	3%	
Somewhat Important	69	16%	
Very Important	323	77%	92% Important to Recycle
Participation if Provided a Cart			
Not Likely	26	6%	
Not Sure	11	3%	
Somewhat Likely	24	6%	
Very Likely	361	86%	91% Likely to Participate if Provided a Cart
Pay $3-$5 Per Month			
Not Likely	92	22%	
Not Sure	52	12%	
Somewhat Likely	59	14%	
Very Likely	219	52%	66% Likely to Participate if Cost is $3-$5
Pay $6-$10 Per Month			
Not Likely	191	45%	
Not Sure	82	19%	
Somewhat Likely	68	16%	
Very Likely	81	19%	35% Likely to Participate if Cost is $6-$10

Coffeyville
KANSAS

To: Angie Naden, City Treasurer

From: Jim Bradshaw, Deputy Director of Public Works

Date: January 15, 2013

Re: Trash Truck Street Damage Repair Estimate

Angie,

During the discussion concerning the city's trash proposals at the January 8, 2013 meeting, Commissioner Horn requested information as it pertains to areas staff feels that have received damage due to the traffic of the trash trucks. Staff has identified 29 areas that we feel has been damaged and continue to receive damage due to the large trash trucks; the areas are listed on a separate sheet along with the size of the area needing the repair. **Out of the 29 areas located, 21 do not have alley access, therefore, would not benefit from alley pick up.** I have included a few photos showing the type of damage that we assessed. Material and labor cost to saw cut, dig out, haul off debris, rebase and relay asphalt has been calculated below.

29 locations total 190 yards of material x $345.00 per yard = $65,550

Also during the January 8, 2013 meeting, staff discussed with the commission that if alley pick up was chosen the city would spend an estimated **additional $50,000 per year in alley upkeep**.

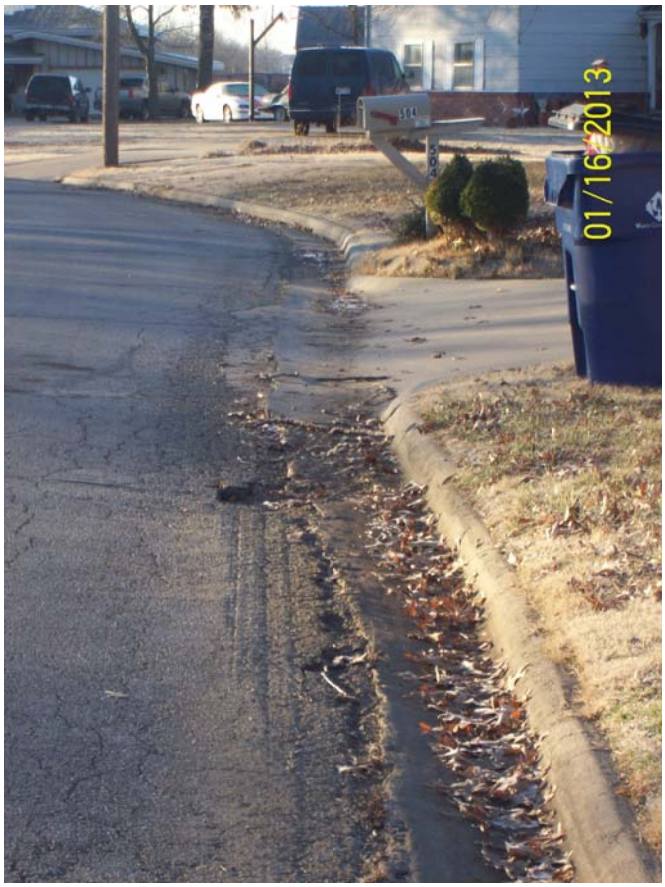
Respectfully Submitted;

Jim L. Bradshaw

Deputy Director of Public Works

Trash Truck Damaged Areas

Location	Size of repair	Alley Access
1. 500 block Hollywood	6’x50’	No
2. 4000 W. 5th	6’x50’	No
3. 3400 W. 6th	6’x10’ 5’x100’	No
4. 3500 W. 6th	6’x30’	No
5. 500 block Centennial	6’x50’	No
6. 400 Tyler	6’x100’ 6’x50’	No
7. 100 Wilshire	6’x20’	No
8. 300 Wilshire	4’x50’	No
9. 400 Wilshire	6’x20’ 4’x50’	No
10. 600 Overlook	6’x100’	No
11. 400 Overlook	6’x50’	No
12. 2600 Grandview	6’x30’	No
13. 300 Westwood	4’x100’	No
14. 200 Highland	6’x100’	No
15. 400 Highland	6’x200’	No
16. 2600 Morgan	10’x50’	No
17. 1900 Home Circle	6’x100’	No
18. 1100 W. 2nd	3’x50’ 3’x20’	Yes
19. 100 Eldridge	6’x100’ 6’x30’	Yes
20. 1800 Brown	6’x100’	Yes
21. 120 Madison	10’x40’	Yes
22. 117 Adams	10’x40’	Yes
23. 116 Jackson	10’x40’	Yes
24. 111 Jefferson	10’x40’	Yes
25. 500 Pine	6’x100’ 6’x30’	Yes
26. Benton Rd.	10’x100’	No
27. 2100 W. 1st	4’x80’	No
28. 300 Edgewood	4’x30’	No
29. 200 Edgewood	10’x80’	No



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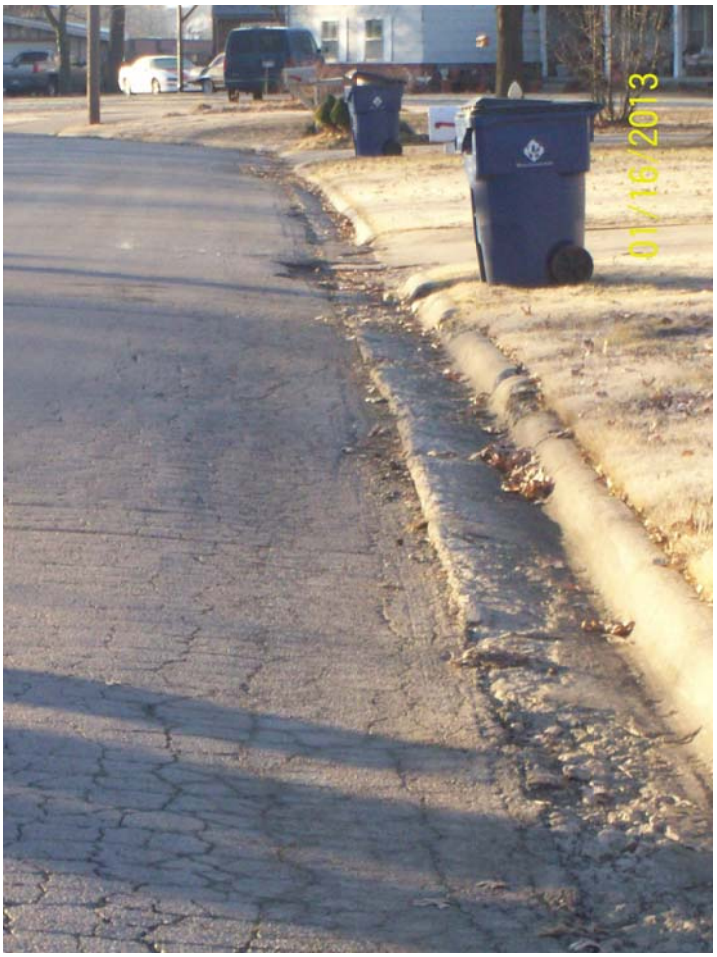

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3400 Block W. 6th

To: Mayor and Commissioners
From: Gary Bradley, City Manager
Date: January 18, 2013
Re: Solid Waste Contract Options

Analysis of the recycling options should be fairly simple, in large part due to the survey conducted by Ms. Naden. The survey was not "scientific" in that respondents were self-selected rather than randomly selected, the opportunity existed for responses from outside the sample population (i.e. had someone from another state known of the survey and been so inclined, their opinion would have carried the same weight as that of a Coffeyville resident). However, the results do give some data upon which to make a decision. A majority of respondents prefer recycling. A majority of those who support recycling are willing to pay less for it than the provider would charge under their current bids. While there are people willing to pay enough to have the service on a subscription basis, results of the survey indicate that the number of customers willing to pay such costs is considerably lower than the number of customers the haulers have indicated would be required in order for the subscription plan to be offered by them.

The discussion regarding the use of alleys and smaller trucks, however, is not as simple. There is no data that truly quantifies the amount of damage done to the streets by the heavier trucks, either on the whole or relative to the damage done by the smaller trucks. Mr. Bradshaw has provided a cost for repairing several areas, but it is impossible to establish whether such damage was caused over the period of one year, two, five, or even twenty years. In other instances, there may be damage that has been caused by the trucks that hasn't been identified by staff, simply because there is no direct evidence that the damage was caused by trash trucks. Further, it's difficult, if not impossible, to quantify what the extent of such damage might be if our streets were properly maintained (i.e. a crumbling road with no curbing is more likely to break apart at that edges under the heavy weight of a truck than a curbed road that is free of cracks). Importantly, of the 29 areas that Mr. Bradshaw identified, 21 would not be improved by switching to alley service. And, as Mr. Bradshaw also points out, there is an estimated $50,000 annual cost associated with restoring the alleys to a functional status and maintaining them in that condition. Yet removing truck traffic from the residential streets would not eliminate the need to repair the streets, though the funds available for the needed improvements will have been reduced by the amount used to restore and maintain the alleys in a serviceable condition.

I myself have argued that the removal of trash trucks from residential streets saves wear and tear on City-owned infrastructure. I made such arguments in Grain Valley, where residential customers had the ability to choose AAA Disposal, Envirostar Waste Services, Steve's Trash, Briggs Disposal, Mr. Trash, Town & Country, and Allied Waste (the latter two no longer provide residential service in the city). Still, with five to seven times the amount of truck traffic from refuse haulers, I can only recall one street that

was in the poor condition that several of our streets are in. That street, Rust Road, was in poor condition when it was acquired through annexation. We made improvements to it to extend its life, and included it in our longer range plans for a complete reconstruction. Other streets in the community had issues that could be clearly tied to a lack of oversight during the construction process, while others showed clear signs of deferred maintenance. We improved those as well, and included them in our long range plans for the necessary improvements.

The bottom line for our street issues is that, for the most part, they are a result of a lack of resources being made available for maintenance. Yes, big trucks can do damage, but they are not the root cause of our problems. There is still room for debate with regard to which provider to select. I would encourage the Commission to spend its time on this matter with the concern of $9.95 per month vs. $10.00, and the merits of one company over the other, rather than either the recycling or small trucks/alley options that were included in the bid packets.