



## City Council to put focus on solid waste contract

### Republic's proposal is top agenda item

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SAN ANGELO, Texas —City staff could begin negotiations — with Republic Waste Services of Texas Limited — on contracts for San Angelo's waste collection and landfill operation, depending on the City Council's decision Tuesday.

"The combined evaluation of the committee members ranked the proposals of each respondent and found Republic Waste Services of Texas, Ltd's response to be the most beneficial for both the lease and operation of the city of San Angelo sanitary landfill and for waste collection services for the city of San Angelo," a city memo states.

The city's Operations Department published a request for proposals early February, and a notice was sent to seven vendors, according to the memo.

Two respondents, Republic Services and Texas Disposal Systems, responded with proposals for both portions of the request by the March 21 deadline.

According to the memo, the evaluation committee ranked each proposal — for landfill operation and for waste collection services — based on a set of criteria that included:

Financial impact.

Operational experience.

Financial qualifications or stability.

Adherence to the specifications.

Additional beneficial criteria submitted.

The memo indicates the committee's overall ranking put Republic first in each proposal.

"The financial impact (of the contracts) will be established through the negotiation process," the memo states.

San Angelo's current solid waste contract, with Republic Services, expires by the end of July.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council also will continue to plug away at the proposed draft regulations for recreational vehicle and manufactured housing parks.

One part of the ordinance that will be discussed regulates size, spacing and buffering standards. The council tabled the item because of a tie vote in the previous meeting.

Members also were tied on a portion that regulates where "group living" is permitted and what is an allowable length of stay for RV units.

In other news, the council also will consider adopting an updated water conservation plan for the city, to replace the 2009 plan. The state requires the city to update its water conservation plan every five years.

The plan, prepared by the Water Department, details the city's situation and lists projects and conservation efforts San Angelo has made.

The plan indicates that over 2013 a large portion of the city's water was used by residential customers, making up 69 percent of use, for 28,461 connections. Commercial customers came in second with 15 percent of the usage, for 2,512 connections.

The city's overall water consumption has gone down, according to the plan. In 2000 the city's consumption was about 185 gallons per capita per day, which dropped to 163 gallons per capita per day by 2010.

According to the plan, the city's goal is for water consumption of about 140 gallons per capita per day by 2020.

The plan also looks at some conservation projects for future consideration, such as landscape irrigation conservation incentives, residential toilet replacement programs and an incentive plan to encourage developers to install plumbing for the collection and use of gray water in new homes.



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