

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2009 PAYT WORKING GROUP

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY ANN HUNT.

Dave Downey provided us with written and oral answers to member's questions about the operations of the Sanitation Department. Member discussion followed.

Wayne Merriman explained how the GO Greener Committee arrived at their recommendations for the "Pay as you Throw" ordinance:

He did a survey in his neighborhood and determined 40% of residences put out 35 gallon containers each week for pickup. Therefore, 35 gallon trash cans were used as the size standard. Wayne said the \$3.00 price for stickers came from the group's calculation of the additional revenue needed above the proposed \$10.00/mo/household charge, to arrive at \$750,000, the amount assumed to be the City's yearly sanitation cost.

Alternate options were discussed for the trash services, including privatization and single stream pick up for recycling.

Comment and concerns:

*Jon Hoggatt mentioned he does not know a community that charges as much as \$3.00 per bag for trash collection.

*Dave Downey stated that in Westfield, single family homes are charged \$12.00 per month for two toters, one 96 gallon for trash and one 56 gallon for comingled recyclables. Anything above this amount incurs an extra charge.

* It was reported that many citizens are concerned about what they are to do if untagged trash bags are dumped in their yard. Will they have to pay for pick up?

Topics for discussion at the next meeting:

* What is the revenue goal for the Sanitation Dept.?

*How do the residents of WL pay for this service?

-----By an increased flat charge per household

-----Or by some version of the Pay as You Throw Plan

*How do we make this plan equitable for all residents?

* How do we encourage our citizens to recycle?

The decision was made to ask the Council members if the Sanitation Dept. needs to economically self sufficient.

Next meeting is December 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Sharon Burgett, Recording Secretary