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## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Committee Date: October 28, 2021  
Present: Ald. Ames, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski  
and Woods  
Absent: Ald. Catalano  
Also Present: Mayor Pulice, Treasurer Porch, Clerk Curiale, City Manager  
Mermuys, Deputy Chief Frese, B. Wilson, K. Buggy  
Meeting Convened at: 7:33 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ald. Jakab made a motion, seconded by Ald. Sorrentino, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting as presented. A voice vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

### **REPORT & RECOMMENDATION**

REFUSE AND RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES CONTRACT

### **DISCUSSION:**

Director Buggy reported the City entered into a refuse collection contract with Flood Brothers for five years which will be up in April of 2022. She was asked to hear their renewal proposal so a decision could be made whether or not to go out for RFP. Michael, Bob, Bill and Kevin Flood were all present to address any concerns.

Ald. Ames asked if there have been any significant complaints from residents. Director Buggy stated staff has been tracking these since late 2017. There have been approximately 100 over the five-year period; most of them are things like garbage lids being left open on rainy days or a missed collection. Flood Brothers has been very responsive and the issues were quickly resolved.

Ald. Messina inquired if their commitment to deliver cans for events that had been cancelled and will be fulfilled by reallocating those cans for future events. Director Wilson stated that Flood Brothers concurred the money could be allocated for other events. They are just waiting for Trunk or Treat to pass before requesting reimbursement and to put the invoice out. Ald. Susmarski asked about tracker devices in the cans. Director Buggy explained those are placed in the cans to track movement of trucks so they can tell if a street was missed.

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Ald. Ames asked if there are any newly added services in this contract. Director Buggy reported there are four: 1) providing Wood Dale with an annual shredding and electronics event (which will save the City \$4,000), 2) offering an annual pumpkin smash after Halloween, 3) maximum of 20 roll-off dumpsters per year for free (the City uses 16 each year for Public Works at a cost of \$8,000); and 4) providing street sweeping services for post Memorial Day Parade and one annual sweep of the Metra lot.

Ald. Messina would have rather seen lower rates for residents. Director Buggy reported she looked at agreements from 8 other communities to compare the proposed rates from Flood Brothers. Most of those have an increase between 2.6% and 3% with Bloomingdale at 3%. Ald. Woods also researched 5 communities, but noted it is difficult to compare depending on services provided and the yearly increase. On average the raises at communities he contacted are consistently 3% for the highest and 2.7% for the lowest. He pointed out that most of those towns don't do landscape waste; however, in Wood Dale they pick up anything with no limits or exclusions. He did not see any other towns that offer brush pick-up.

Mayor Pulice clarified that the increase in year three is covered by the City, and not the residents. He then explained the reason the City went out for RFP five years ago is because they were presented with a very poor contract at that time.

**VOTE:**

**Ald. Woods made a motion, seconded by Ald. Curiale, to approve a new contract with Flood Brothers for five years. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:**

Ayes:	Ald. Ames, Curiale, Jakab, Messina, Sorrentino, Susmarski, Woods
Nays:	None
Abstained:	None
Motion:	Passed

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- Additional IT Position – Winter 2021

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ald. Susmarski made a motion, seconded by Ald. Ames, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

*Minutes taken by Eileen Schultz*