

City Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd Langland, Director of Solid Waste

Council Meeting: January 21, 2020

Subject: Yard Waste Presentation

Person(s) Responsible: Todd Langland, Director of Solid Waste

Summary:

This presentation is for the automation of the yard waste program in 2020.

Background:

The current program was started in 1994 based off of a Rapid City model. The City provides the yard waste bags to the local businesses for sale to the residents of Brookings. In 1994, the City ordered 20,000 yard waste bags and today the Collection Department currently picks up over 67,000 bags per year.

Discussion:

Program improvements would be cost savings to the residents, better employee safety, no more wet broken bags and the city will maintain the carts. The first cart for the resident will be at no cost and any additional cart will be \$4.00 per month. This follows in line with the garbage cart costs.

The compost site at the community gardens will be moved to the Park shop area to provide a more centralized location and greater oversight. The transition of the compost site will occur in April 2020. The centralized compost site is part of a greater effort to continually further sustainability practices in both operations and capital projects.

The recycling tons collected from the residents in 2019 was 879.58. An update will also be provided on plastic bags.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Financial Consideration:

The cost of the new carts is \$59.50 each. We will be purchasing 3,965 carts for a total of \$235,931.58. This will mean a decrease in revenue for the program of an estimated \$15,000 for 2020. The City does have 30,750 bags on inventory that will be sold in 2020.

Supporting Documentation:

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