

January 18, 2023

The Eastman City Council met in a called meeting on the above date at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Raymond Mullis, Buddy Pittman, Sebrina Williams, Ronnie Woodard and Jermayne Hamilton. Others present were Police Chief Billy Cooper, City Manager Spencer Barron, City Inspector Jack White, Wynnon Pittman, Richard Kemp and Administrative Assistant Dayna Winslette.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Pittman.

Invocation was given by Councilor Hamilton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: The first item is to approve the agenda, and I think this is pretty much a garbage contract.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: No additions.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Limb, leaves and debris truck purchase, and Sunset Park, and I think that's all we set this called meeting up for. So with that being said, I reckon I need a motion to approve the agenda as it stands.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

GARBAGE CONTRACT:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: First item on the agenda is to approve a contractor for, this is, I'm going to say this right, for residential pick-up only, and I think at our meeting last week, and y'all I promise we ain't going to get in a knockdown-dragout this week. We had a presentation from GFL, who is our current, I reckon what you call subscriber, and a presentation from Ryland Environmental over in Dublin. And I think y'all just a quick rehash. I think Ryland was at \$16.50, correct me if I'm wrong.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: That sounds right.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Per can pick-up, and GFL was at \$20.41.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: \$16.50 and \$20...

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Is it \$20.41 or something, somewhere along there?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Let me look. I don't know. Anyway, it was in the twenties, I know.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Yeah, 20...\$20.41 per cart and additional carts were \$10 a unit, and Ryland was \$16.50, and any additional carts, theirs was \$4 or \$5, I think. So with that being said, Council, do y'all have any more discussion on either one of the two or anything?

COUNCILOR MULLIS: No sir.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: If not then, I, well, let me give you...

CITY MANAGER BARRON: No, I just wanted to say, Rita asked that whatever motion y'all make, you make it subject to the stipulations of Georgia law and final review of her of the final contract.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Okay. Alright, well with that being said, I'll entertain a motion then to approve Ryland Environmental Services to become our new residential trash picker-upper starting April the 1st with the stipulations that the final contract, when we get it in and all, the costs and Georgia laws and final review by the City Attorney, and we'll move forward.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Motion from Councilman Mullis. Any other questions, concerns? If not, I need a second.

COUNCILOR WOODARD: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Have a second from Councilman Woodard. All in favor of Ryland Environmental, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

LIMBS AND DEBRIS:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next on the agenda is a limb, leaves, debris pick-up, and I sit here thumbing through stuff. Oh, here it is right here. If y'all got it in front of you, and you want to take a second or two to look at. Jack has got us some quotes.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: No, Richard and Wynnon got the quotes.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, Richard is picking his own truck. I like that.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And going down there to get it too.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Richard has, now, okay, just thumbing through this, is this packet the one company with the one truck?

RICHARD KEMP: All of that is one truck.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Okay.

RICHARD KEMP: I just wanted y'all to see every angle.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We looked for a comparable one, and the closest one I found was \$225,000. Most of them are all going to be around that area, I think, based on the group's research. But this one is in the town that Richard and Wynnon are going to next week to get their CDL's, and they'll be able to bring that back with them.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Y'all pass your CDL license, and they give you a truck to drive.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: That's right.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: That's what I'm talking about. Alright, now this is, okay, this is, without thumbing all through this stuff, what size truck is this or body on it?

RICHARD KEMP: That's got a 28-yard capacity, 8,500-pound lift, and it's got a 22-foot boom that extends out to 8-foot past that. Got 22 to 28 foot.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: This is large enough to accommodate what we need but small enough that in the neighborhoods we ain't going to be tearing up the curbs and stop signs down and light poles and everything, trees and everything else?

RICHARD KEMP: Right.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright.

WYNNON PITTMAN: It also has the famous 7.7 Cummings engine in it. Also the Allison transmission, which is pretty much highly recommended in them.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright.

RICHARD KEMP: The guy says since he's been there the last seven years, he's sold over 300 of them and said they hadn't had a minute's problem out of the same units.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright. So now, this one right now, we are just the boom with the, I reckon, the grapple on it or say the scooper. Alright, well with that being said, I think we came to the conclusion, I think last week, we need to get us a truck, and I think, I know you and I were talking this afternoon, for the time being, we're going to pick-up, we going to I reckon work with Dewayne 'cause he was the only one that gave us a bid.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: For just the disposal.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: For removing. So we going to look at disposal a quarter at the time. Then, we can experiment with Telfair County and Houston County and cost differences.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Can I say something right there?

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: You can.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Tell them about Telfair County.

RICHARD KEMP: So, for the next two years, they won't take anything.

WYNNON PITTMAN: They won't take anything.

RICHARD KEMP: It will all have to go to Houston County if we go anywhere else besides Dewayne.

WYNNON PITTMAN: Not only that, we done research. We actually found of where we in the city, we done an average per week on what we have took ourselves from garbage, and we drove to McRae. On average, each load was \$300 per load. If we done \$300 per load at five of them per week is \$1,500 a week times 52 comes up to \$78,000 a year, which puts Dewayne pretty much under with us being able to haul it there ourselves anyway.

RICHARD KEMP: And that's not counting fuel.

WYNNON PITTMAN: That's not counting fuel, wear and tear on this, or time.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: And I reckon, we came to the conclusion. We've got time to experiment, but we're going to be getting our own stuff.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Our goal is a long-term solution, exactly, Mr. Raymond?

COUNCILOR MULLIS: It is.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: And so, we can work with that then. So without further ado then, I will entertain a motion.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Three things: We've got to waive our bidding procedure, by the truck and approve Dewayne Conley, in whatever order you want to do it.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Now, what now?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Waive our bidding procedure, Rita said. Y'all have to agree to do that. Secondly, approve Dewayne, and approve the purchase of the truck. Three actions.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, let's simplify. We'll do three motions.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: However you want to do it.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: What was the last one, Spencer?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Approve the purchase of the truck.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, with that being said, instead of getting it an awful jaw by gnawing, anyone wants to come back and look at it next week or ten years from now, I will entertain a motion to waive the bidding procedure on the purchase of the truck.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Next, I'll entertain a motion to approve Dewayne Conley right now on a quarterly basis, carrying on, continuing as we had done in the past as we look for other avenues or better ways of coming up with a long-term solution. So, I'll entertain a motion to approve Dewayne Conley on a quarterly hauling off basis.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: So moved.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Got a motion from Councilman Mullis. I need a second.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a second from Councilwoman Williams. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Sorry.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Oh, no no no.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: It's the lawyer, not me.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: No, we want to make sure we do it right. And for the final one is to approve the purchase of a truck from RDK Truck Sales from Tampa, Florida, for a cost of \$205,394.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: We believe we can waive the \$1,500.

RICHARD KEMP: We gonna pick it up if we can get it took care of before we are down there next week. We're actually going to be there all week next week.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: So that would drop it \$1,500 to \$203,894. However you want to word it.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Okay, \$203,894. Alright, I will restate that. I'll entertain a motion for the purchase of the 2023 Freightliner N2106 limb and leave and debris truck from RDK Truck Sales at a cost of, listed price is \$205,394, and we're sending a crew down there to pick it up. So, if possibly, we will do away with the freight fee of \$1,500, so making the total \$203,894.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Before we vote on that, will it automatically be on our insurance once they pick it up?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Our policy covers it once purchase is made.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Okay, well I make that motion that we approve to get the truck.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, I have a motion from Councilman Mullis to approve the purchase of the truck. I need a second.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Second.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: I have a second from Councilman Hamilton. All in favor, show of hands. Motion carried unanimous.

SUNSET PARK:

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: And next on the agenda is Sunset Park, and I think as we left last meeting, we looked at another playground and all.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes sir, y'all had asked me to do some research on what exact pricing and so forth would be. If y'all look in front of you, I have a copy of the printout from the book where the equipment is only 25% of the overall cost. I have three phone calls in. I'm waiting on our area rep from this company to call me back. That's so we can get a definite number. Just from the figures, we're able to figure by what they provide us in the book here, it's somewhere in the make-up of \$201,500 for this playground to install it. I'm waiting to get a definite. If y'all wouldn't mind tabling this for now until I get some definite numbers. It would be greatly appreciated.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: Two hundred and...

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: \$201,000, yes sir. It's right there at the bottom. You've got 25% of the actual equipment. 30% is for installation, and 45% is hardscape. But a rough figure on our end is just about \$201,500.

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: That's \$62,000 three times?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Before we table it, I would like to say something. We all know what has happened over in Sunset for the last several years. We've put new stuff in there. I think what we ought to do is to buy a new swing set over there. Buy some of them small things for the kids to ride on and buy the grills. See what's going to happen is that if everything goes good there, you add on to it next year. Because if we spend 100 or 200 thousand dollars and they go in there and tear it up, we got problems. I just want y'all to think about that.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: How is it 62?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Hold on, we're working it out. I'm looking at it now.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: Right here, you take the \$62,000 and add 5 more percent, you get \$3,100 on top of that. So it brings it to \$65,000, and then you go \$12,400 on top of \$62,000 again.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And then...?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: And then, you come up with the same money again for dadgum metroscape around it.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: 25% for equipment. \$62,000 times .30 equals \$18,600. \$62,000 times .25 equals \$15,500. \$62,000 times 45% equals \$27,900. So then we add that, \$18,600 plus \$15,500 plus \$27,900 plus the base price of \$62,000 gives us \$124,000. And then, where did the rest...?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: The rest is, 25% is the actual equipment cost. Of the overall cost, 25% of what you read right here in this book is equipment. 30% is installation.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: So, the base price is \$62,000, and 25% of that would be another \$18,600.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: On top of \$62,000.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Right, and then 30% is...

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: On top of that again.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Oh, I thought it was 30% of the base.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: No sir. You can read it right here, it says 30% of the overall cost.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: And this is why we need to hear from the...

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: Yes sir, that's why I want them to table it for right now and let's actually hear from them and see exactly what the price will be because by what I'm reading, and you can read right here.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Yeah, I mean, I believe you. We need to hear from them.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: It's the same thing I printed off for y'all. It's right there.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: "A good rule of thumb is the following: 25% for the equipment, 30% for the installation, and 45% for surfacing." So, we can read that as 45% of the base or 45% of the total.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: Yeah, I don't know which way it's going to go. That's why I'm asking for it to be tabled until we hear a definite response from our area rep before I'll know exactly what to tell y'all. By what I'm seeing, the 25% is the actual cost of equipment for the \$61,000, \$62,000, you might as well say, but then you go to adding 30% on top of that. So you got to take that number and add the five more percent to it. By what I'm seeing.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: By what you're seeing, yes. So, it could fall between \$124,000 and \$202,000, depending on how you want to resurface or how he says, or how the rep tells us to figure.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: This could also be. You know I'm going to read it different. This could possibly be that that total, which I know we're rounding up a few dollars. \$62,000, 25% of that is the cost of the equipment. 30% is the installation of it, and then 45% of \$62,000 is...

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: And that's why I'm waiting on a call to get some definitely information before we make a vote on anything. I would like to have a definite answer before we do anything.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Before we spend that kind of money on it.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: They're supposed to be calling you back?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: One guy called me, but he was in California in that district. He said, "I'm the one who received the call. You are not in that district, but I'll have the person in that area contact you."

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: We're looking it three or four different ways.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: I understand what you're saying. I looked at that also, as far as the \$62,000 and overall cost of this unit. That's on everything, or if not, that's the worst case scenario of what I was just saying. I need to know some definite information before I can pull the trigger. This is something I just think we hold on until we got a definite answer.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Yeah, well, we really don't know what we're buying.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Before we spend \$100,000, let's, give us a week if you can do that.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: That's the reason I'm asking for us to just table it for this week, and we'll have some definite information to bring back to you. Anyone else is welcome to call and try to get somewhere also.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, thank you, sir.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: You can't make them call you back.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: I'm doing all I can do.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Well, we appreciate it.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Very true. What y'all think? Maybe we hear back from them. And is this the total cost and that's the breakdown of the cost, or is it this cost plus this plus this plus this?

COUNCILOR MULLIS: We want a total cost. We don't want to hear about all that other stuff.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Cumulative versus...

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Yeah. Y'all good with that now?

COUNCILOR MULLIS: I'm good with that.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alrighty, well, we'll wait to hear back from you when you talk to the rep for a bottomline, what's this thing cost?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: And that's what I told them when I talked to them. We already had the proper staff to address the install, and we might not be really big on the hardscape at this time, and we would deduct it back off your playground. We'll know when they call me.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Wasn't there playground people down there in Savannah this last year?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: Yes sir.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: If we wouldn't know, we could've talked to them.

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: This includes the hardscape around it. Now, this of course includes landscaping. Do y'all want to include the landscaping around this piece, or do y'all want grass around it?

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Now, you're talking about the foam stuff?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: The foam stuff or whatever else y'all want to put in it.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright, you can get both of them, and that price may come with that. Who knows?

CITY INSPECTOR WHITE: It's very possible it does. I don't have enough information to really give you an answer to that right now.

COUNCILOR HAMILTON: My first class is recreational parks, so I'll have more information definitely Monday but still do it on your end, but I'll have more insight about the recreational park.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright.

COUNCILOR MULLIS: Are they putting in those recycled tires? They still do that?

CITY MANAGER BARRON: There's a debate. I don't know if they still do it or not. I think it depends on the state, like they don't in California, but they may still in Georgia. There's a lead issue with them that's come up.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Alright. Well, we will wait on that for the time being, and with that being, I don't know if we need to go through any new business, City Manager's report and all this other stuff you sent we technically get in a regular, regular meeting. I reckon it is because we voting, but do y'all have any other comments? Don't forget this weekend. I'll pick you up about 8 o'clock, just be ready.

CITY MANAGER BARRON: All three of y'all are going to be around? No, you two are gone. Jack's going to be around. Coop's going to be around. And Scotty, if anything breaks loose.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Ms. Sebrina, you go tomorrow?

COUNCILOR WILLIAMS: I go on Friday.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: Friday morning?

COUNCILOR MULLIS: She's going to eat with us too.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: That's what I'm talking about. Alright, with that being said...

CITY MANAGER BARRON: It's a bit of a walk.

COUNCILOR PITTMAN: You can flag a taxi all night long out there. Well, with that being said, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion from Councilor Mullis and a second from Councilor Hamilton, the meeting was adjourned.