

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF KAUFMAN  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 — 6:00 P.M.  
KAUFMAN CITY HALL  
209 S. Washington Street  
Kaufman, Texas 75142**

**CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>WILLIAM FORTNER</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO-TEM</b>	<b>BARRY RATCLIFFE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>GIL ALTOM JR.</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>JEFF COUNCIL</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>CHARLES GILLENWATER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>KENNETH MUNDEN</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>LOUIS TIJERINA</b>

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Fortner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were William Fortner, Barry Ratcliffe, Jeff Council, Kenneth Munden, and Louis Tijerina. Councilmember Altom arrived at 6:11 p.m. Councilmember Gillenwater was absent. Mayor Fortner declared a quorum present. Also present were ACM/City Secretary Jo Ann Talbot and Administrative Assistant Leslie Malone.

**NOTE:** A Work Session is used to explore matters of interest to one or more City Council Members or the City Manager for the purpose of giving staff direction into whether or not such matters should be placed on a future regular or special meeting of the Council for citizens input, City Council deliberation and formal City action. At a work session, the City Council generally receives informal and preliminary reports and information from City staff, officials, members of City committees, and the individual or organization proposing council action, if invited by City Council or City Manager to participate in the session. Participation by individuals and members of organizations invited to speak ceases when the Mayor announces the session is being closed to public input. Although Work Sessions are public meetings, and citizens have a legal right to attend, they are not public hearings, so citizens are not allowed to participate in the session unless invited to do so by the Mayor. Any citizen may supply to the City Council, prior to the beginning of the session, a written report regarding the citizen's opinion on the matter being explored. Should the Council direct the matter be placed on a regular meeting agenda, the staff will generally prepare a final report defining the proposed action, which will be made available to all citizens prior to the regular meeting at which citizen input is sought. The purpose of this

procedure is to allow citizens attending the regular meeting the opportunity to hear the views of their fellow citizens without having to attend two meetings.

1. Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give Staff direction regarding Solid Waste Services Proposals.

The City sent out Request for Proposals to provide refuse services in Kaufman. The City received four proposals. They were from IESI (our current provider), Waste Management, Community Waste Disposal (CWD), and Sanitation Solutions.

In the RFP the City asked for alternative bids. We asked for the alternative to provide voluntary recycling services. There was an alternative to provide collection services on single axle trucks. Lastly, we asked to see a cost of providing services once a week rather than twice a week.

Ideally, Kaufman should be offering once a week pick up on single axle trucks with an additional pickup for recyclables. This would be the most cost effective service both in the short term and the long term. The question remains what our citizens can afford and will accept. Recycling and single axle trucks cost more but they will reduce landfill costs and road wear over time. Once a week pick up would cost our customers less but some would not want the less convenient service. These are issues the Council needs to decide. It will be easier to make these policy decisions now that we know what each element will cost.

Staff gave an overview on two spreadsheets. The first spreadsheet is a breakdown of each proposal's pricing scheme. All the proposals are requiring increased costs even if we leave service levels the same as they are currently. The second spreadsheet shows an annualized cost based on current estimated service loads. There are other ancillary costs but not significant for our purposes here.

Rather than focusing on whom to give the contract to (staff is still analyzing each proposal) the work session is focusing on what the optimal service levels should be based on costs and our citizens' expectations on services.

Mayor Fortner pointed out that residents that have an additional need for solid waste services could rent an additional polycart. Monday's should be avoided as a residential pick-up day as many holidays fall on Monday.

Councilmembers Tijerina and Munden stated they have never used twice a week pick-up.

After discussion, Mayor Fortner asked the Council if anyone objected to City Staff pursuing once a week solid waste services utilizing single axle vehicles. Councilmembers agreed that weekly pick-up and single axle vehicles appear to be the best option at this time. Councilmember Gillenwater was absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

1. Veterans Holiday, Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. Black Tie Ball, Saturday, November 13, 2010.
3. Employee's Thanksgiving Luncheon, Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon, Fire Station
4. City Surplus property and equipment auction and to close December 10<sup>th</sup> with Rene Bates Auctioneer's website.

Councilmember Tijerina stated there was a water leak across from Penny's Gas.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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**WILLIAM FORTNER  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JO ANN TALBOT  
CITY SECRETARY**