

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, May 18, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Reports<sup>7</sup>**

**Council discussion, action and instruction to staff to extend the life of the Gering landfill.**

**Staff Contact: Rick Kuckkahn, Interim City Manager**

Attached is a document regarding the averaged/estimated costs and options for:

- Curbside single-stream recycling
- Drop-off sorted recycling
- Electronic recycling
- All recycling combined

We currently bring our single-stream recycling to the Gering transfer station. Gering bales it, stores it and transports it to Waste Management in Denver, Colorado. Our sorted recycling is dropped-off, sorted, stored and transported to Alpine Waste and Recycling in Denver, Colorado. We pay \$800 to transport each load. We are then paid an amount based on the price of materials that we deliver. Our E-waste is transported to Metech in Denver, Colorado. We pay \$800 to transport each load. We are then charged an amount based on the type and amount of electronic waste that we deliver.

I am currently working with a Western Nebraska Hub and Spoke recycling program that currently provides recycling options to many different small towns in the panhandle. They are working on a proposal to submit to us which will detail a plan to assist us in not only being able to continue our current recycling programs but to potentially add more by providing community education, grant writing, grant funding opportunities, and recycling pilot programs. This option will keep more of the money and materials within the state of Nebraska rather than exchanging money and materials with other states. Our recycling will be picked up in Scottsbluff on a regular schedule which will eliminate transportation costs to Denver. Some of the changes with going this route may help us reduce labor hours to sort recycling. This partnership is about working together with panhandle communities to reduce the cost of recycling, increase the usefulness and potential for profit of the materials in our area and gain leverage by combining recycled materials from multiple communities. This option can start happening as soon as the details can be worked out.

I have been in contact with Waste Connections and they said they are willing to negotiate a recycling option with us. This would look similar to what we do with Gering. We would pick up recycling one day per week, then transport it and drop it off at a transfer station. We would negotiate a tipping fee per ton for recycling.

There is potential to work with Waste Management in Denver which is where our current single-stream recycling goes after we drop it off at the Gering transfer station. I am not sure how interested they are in this but it is an option that can be explored.

The last time I talked to Gering they were going to resume single-stream recycling starting May 11, 2020. They have a temporary fix for their conveyor belt to be able to process some recycling. I asked if they are able to take ours starting May 11<sup>th</sup>. They said that they want to see what the capacity of their temporary solution is and they will let us know if they will be able to start taking our single-stream. We may be able to start taking our single-stream there starting May 18<sup>th</sup> if they can handle our recycling. I was told that the part(s) to fix the conveyor belt may not be here until Mid-June so it will be at least a couple of months before they have it fixed. I will make a phone call this week to check in and get an update on the situation.

# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COSTS & OPTIONS

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING COSTS	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Tonnage	1	5	20	230
Hours	9	45	175	2,100
Labor	\$ 339	\$ 1,695	\$ 6,781	\$ 81,375
Fuel	\$ 30	\$ 146	\$ 583	\$ 7,000
Maintenance	\$ 31	\$ 156	\$ 625	\$ 7,500
Tipping Fee	\$ 24	\$ 120	\$ 485	\$ 5,850
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 424</b>	<b>\$ 2,117</b>	<b>\$ 8,475</b>	<b>\$ 101,725</b>

<b>Single Stream Price per ton:</b>	<b>\$ 442</b>
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## SINGLE STREAM OPTIONS:

<b>Current: Gering Transfer Station</b>
Labor hours to collect, tipping fee of \$24.65 per ton, fuel and maintenance on trucks
<b>Option 2: Western Nebraska Hub and Spoke partnership</b>
Labor hours to collect, negotiate tipping fee, fuel and maintenance on trucks
<b>Option 3: Waste Management in Denver</b>
Labor, negotiate tipping fee, fuel, maintenance on trucks and transportation
<b>Option 4: Waste Connections</b>
Labor hours to collect, negotiate tipping fee, fuel and maintenance on trucks
<b>Option 5: Discontinue program</b>

## SORTED RECYCLING COSTS & OPTIONS

<b>SORTED RECYCLING COSTS</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
Tonnage	2	11	43	520
Loads	0	1	2	25
Hours	17	85	335	4,050
Labor	\$ 654	\$ 3,270	\$ 13,078	\$ 156,938
Transportation	\$ 54	\$ 270	\$ 1,085	\$ 13,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 708</b>	<b>\$ 3,540</b>	<b>\$ 14,163</b>	<b>\$ 169,938</b>

<b>Sorted Recycling Price per ton:</b>	<b>\$ 327</b>
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### **SORTED RECYCLING OPTIONS:**

<b>Current: Alpine Waste &amp; Recycling in Denver</b>
Sorting labor hours, transportation and income from materials
<b>Option 2: Western Nebraska Hub and Spoke partnership</b>
Sorting labor hours, income from materials
<b>Option 3: Waste Management in Denver</b>
Sorting labour hours, transportation and income from materials
<b>Option 5: Discontinue program</b>

## ELECTRONIC WASTE COSTS & OPTIONS

<b>ELECTRONIC WASTE COSTS</b>	Daily		Weekly		Monthly		Yearly	
Tonnage		0.1		0.5		2.5		31
Tipping fee	\$	104	\$	520	\$	2,080	\$	25,000
Transportation	\$	6	\$	32	\$	130	\$	1,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,600</b>

<b>Electronic Waste Price per ton:</b>	<b>\$ 858</b>
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### ELECTRONIC WASTE OPTIONS:

<b>Current: Metech in Denver</b>
Tipping fee based on materials and transportation
<b>Option 2: Western Nebraska Hub &amp; Spoke partnership</b>
Negotiate pick-up fee
<b>Option 3: Discontinue program</b>

# ALL RECYCLING COSTS & OPTIONS

ALL RECYCLING	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Tonnage	3	17	66	781
Hours	26	130	510	6,150
Labor	\$ 993	\$ 4,965	\$ 19,859	\$ 238,313
Fuel	\$ 30	\$ 146	\$ 583	\$ 7,000
Maintenance	\$ 31	\$ 156	\$ 625	\$ 7,500
Tipping Fee	\$ 128	\$ 640	\$ 2,565	\$ 30,850
Transportation	\$ 60	\$ 302	\$ 1,215	\$ 14,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,242</b>	<b>\$ 6,209</b>	<b>\$ 24,848</b>	<b>\$ 298,263</b>

<b>All Recycling Price per ton:</b>	<b>\$ 382</b>
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## ALL RECYCLING OPTIONS:

<b>Current: Each type collected and transported to different places in Denver</b> Single Stream: Dropped off at Gering transfer station and transported to Denver Sorted: Collected, sorted, stored and transported to Alpine in Denver E-waste: Collected, stored and transported to Metech in Denver
<b>Option 2: Weekly pickup, panhandle partnerships, no transportation, money stays in NE</b> Single Stream: Western Nebraska Spoke & Hub, sent to Kimball Sorted: Western Nebraska Spoke & Hub, sent to Kimball, Ogallala, Omaha E-waste: Western Nebraska Spoke & Hub, sent to Kimball
<b>Option 3: Single Stream to Waste Connections, sorted and e-waste remain the same</b> Single Stream: Dropped off at Waste Connections transfer station Sorted: Collected, sorted, stored and transported to Alpine in Denver E-waste: Collected, stored and transported to Metech in Denver
<b>Option 4: Single Stream to Waste Connections, sorted and e-waste to Hub &amp; Spoke</b> Single Stream: Dropped off at Waste Connections transfer station Sorted: Western Nebraska Spoke & Hub, sent to Kimball, Ogallala, Omaha E-waste: Western Nebraska Spoke & Hub, sent to Kimball
<b>Option 5: Negotiate recycling with Waste Management in Denver, E-waste to Metech</b> Single Stream: Collected and dropped off at WM in Denver Sorted: Collected and dropped off at WM in Denver E-waste: Collected, stored and transported to Metech in Denver
<b>Option 6: Any combination of the above including the discontinuance of any or all recycling</b>

## RFP PROPOSAL SUMMARY

	WASTE CONNECTION	TDS
<b>Tipping Fee</b>	\$43 per ton	\$39 per ton
<b>Transportation</b>	Included in tipping fee Expanded trans sta. desirable	Negotiated as part of transfer station, cost \$1M est. using city land as part of shared expense
<b>Starting Date</b>	October 1, 2020	8 months to completion of transfer station
<b>Term of Contract</b>	Long term (20 yrs) if trans sta. is included as part of deal, WC would build it	24 month notification
<b>Recycling</b>	May provide with cost sharing and market dependent	Not included
<b>Roll-off Service</b>	Very desirable	Very desirable

## SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LANDFILL

This Second Amendment to the Agreement for Service and Construction of New Landfill ("Amendment") is made on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 by and between the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska ("Scottsbluff") and the City of Gering, Nebraska ("Gering").

Scottsbluff and Gering are parties to an Agreement for Service and Construction of New Landfill dated July 2, 2007 ("Agreement") as well as an Addendum considered effective July 7, 2008 ("Addendum") wherein Scottsbluff and Gering agreed that Gering would dispose of Scottsbluff's solid waste and also provide for roll-offs and compactors within Scottsbluff.

Paragraphs 2. and 10. state the duration and term of the Agreement will continue until Cells, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 remain unfilled. Paragraph 14. sets forth an old address for Scottsbluff City Hall which has since been relocated.

The need for a Second Addendum to the Agreement is requested by Scottsbluff to extend the term of the Agreement for a definite period of time to ensure Gering will continue to accept Scottsbluff's municipal solid waste even if the identified Cells in the Agreement are filled or an alternative provided by GERING is used to accept the municipal solid waste.

Scottsbluff and Gering now amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Paragraph 2. of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

Operation of Landfill and Term. GERING agrees to accept approved municipal solid waste from SCOTTSBLUFF for disposal for a period of ten (10) years from the date of this Agreement or until the operation of a newly constructed joint landfill between SCOTTSBLUFF and GERING is open and operational, which ever should occur first, which shall be considered the term of this Agreement

2. Paragraph 10. of the Agreement shall be amended to read as follows:

Reserve Account for New Landfill Site. SCOTTSBLUFF and GERING agree that for the term of this agreement, as set forth in amended paragraph 2. in the Second Amendment to the Service and Construction of New Landfill, each community shall contribute \$7.50 per ton into a separate reserve interest-bearing account which shall be non-refundable to each city. Gering agrees to make Scottsbluff's contribution from the \$37.50 fee provided at 3(a). The intent of this agreement is for Gering and SCOTTSBLUFF to partner in a new landfill at a different location, and accumulate and invest money to site and construct the same. If either of the parties of this agreement do not participate in the joint effort to site and build a new landfill, all Reserve Account money through the term of this agreement as set forth in amended



paragraph 2. in the Second Amendment to the Service and Construction of New Landfill will remain in the new landfill Reserve Account, and the non-participating city shall forfeit all money contributed into that Reserve Account. In the event neither City goes forward with the landfill, the funds accumulated from third party cities or third party independent haulers will be GERING's funds. The funds contributed by GERING and SCOTTSBLUFF will be divided by them based on each City's contribution per ton. The purpose of this account will be to locate and construct a new Landfill which shall meet State and Federal requirements for a municipal solid waste facility. These funds shall be audited annually. The operation of the new joint Landfill will be the subject of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between GERING, SCOTTSBLUFF or any other community or entity specifically allowed only by the agreement of SCOTTSBLUFF and GERING to participate. In the event GERING chooses to permit third party cities or third party independent haulers to use the existing Landfill, those third party cities / haulers will be charged no less than \$7.50 per ton, all final charges of which will be determined by GERING. Third party Reserve Account fees will be deposited into the new landfill Reserve Account. GERING and SCOTTSBLUFF agree to invest such public funds in this Reserve Account consistent and in accordance with Nebraska law.

If GERING and SCOTTSBLUFF both agree, in writing, to not jointly build a new landfill, both communities shall be entitled to their respective capital contributions based upon fees paid and interest accrued on an agreed final date of distribution.

3. Notices: Any notices or other communications between the parties shall be personally delivered, sent by regular mail, or by facsimile transmission, electronic mail, or by facsimile transmission combined with any of the above methods of service, to the addresses set out below, or to such other address as a party may designate, from time-to-time, by written notice to the other. A notice shall be deemed effective upon receipt.

- (a) If to GERING:

City of Gering  
1025 P Street; P.O. Box 687  
Gering, NE 69341  
Fax: (308) 436-6899  
Attention: City Administrator

- (b) If to SCOTTSBLUFF:

City of Scottsbluff  
2525 Circle Drive  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361  
Fax: (308) 630-6294  
Attention: City Manager

4. All other provisions of the Agreement and Addendum will continue and remain as drafted.

CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Raymond Gonzales, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

CITY OF GERING, NEBRASKA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark A. Kaufman, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020