

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, July 6, 2020

Regular Meeting

Item Reports5

Council to receive an update and results of the spring cleanup.

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2020 Scottsbluff Spring Clean-up Event

OVERVIEW

The City of Scottsbluff provided four designated locations with large roll-off containers available for the residential public to dispose of solid waste to clean up their properties from Monday, June 8, 2020 at 12:00 pm through Friday, June 12, 2020. 59.50 tons (119,000 lbs) of solid waste was collected and disposed of at the Gering landfill.

LOCATIONS:

-Southeast: 1303 E Overland, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (East of Rosita's)

This location received the most trash compared to the other three locations.

-Southwest: 1914 Ave I, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (Westmoor Pool)

This location was busy and worked well due to it being on a hardscape parking lot making clean-up easier.

-Northeast: 4205 5th Ave, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (Lander's Soccer Complex)

This location seemed to have been too far north and was used by many people outside of the City limits.

-Northwest: W 29th St, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 (Southwest of Home Depot)

This location was the least used compared to the other three locations. It was the least visible.

GOOD:

The locations were planned to be off of the main roadways to not cause any traffic issues which worked well. The locations were spread throughout town to give all residents close access to a dumping location. The week-long program was well received by the community and was heavily used from the first day to the last day. We didn't experience any illegal dumping after we closed each location which was a concern of ours. Each location was barricaded with signage for one week after the event to try to prevent more dumping and it worked well. The City of Gering worked well with us to provide the dumpsters and get them dumped as often and as soon as possible.

BAD:

The dumpsters filled up very fast each day and we did receive some complaints about the dumpsters always being full. We had the dumpsters dumped as quickly as we could each time they were full. We had a lot of dumping on the ground around three of the four dumpsters. We did have quite a bit a commercial dumping which filled the dumpsters up quickly leaving less to no room for the residential dumpsters. Many tires were dumped and took up a lot of space in the dumpsters. This event was more labor intensive then we thought it was going to be as we had many City staff and equipment having to clean each site multiple times a day throughout the week.

GOING FORWARD:

It might work best to have only one location with multiple dumpsters to not only make clean-up easier and quicker but to provide more dumping space for the residents. This will also make it easier to monitor and get the cans dumped sooner. Signage to discourage illegal and commercial dumping may help with not having the dumpsters fill up as fast. We should also not allow tires to be dumped along with yard waste, electronics and commercial solid waste.