

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024	
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street			
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling joined via phone, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles at 6:01 p.m., Councilor Martha Jirovec was excused			
Staff Present: City manager AJ Foscoli and City Recorder Jeremy Teal			
AGENDA		ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations		<p>Mayor Bailey introduced Andrew Silverman the new Polk County Deputy in Falls City.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling recognized Deputy Silverman for presenting to students about lock down drills.</p>	
Public Comment		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the public comments at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>Boyd Lamprecht noted the steel plate at the high school needed to be adjusted before it slit the sidewall of someone's tire.</p> <p>Tracy Young noted that from Alan Street to Pine Street there were 20 homes that needed some sort of repair but were too old. She mentioned the older homes were only land taxed because the trailer is too old. She stated Falls city was losing money because so many properties were only taxed on the land and not the houses.</p> <p>Jim Miner noted that 1 year ago he spoke about the motorhome on North Main with a tarp on it.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated that in a previous Council packet was a code services report gave an update on the motorhome. She noted the code officer, and the deputy were working on it. Mayor Bailey noted there were strict rules for living spaces and the people in them now.</p> <p>Joe Schmucker stated he was concerned about some derelict properties in town. He noted he was glad the deputy was here. He mentioned the</p>	

	<p>Veterans Day BBQ on November 11 to celebrate the veterans with food and a good time.</p> <p>Chris Martin noted the trailer on North Main had been there 2 years and it sends a bad message to anyone coming into town. He noted he talked to the code officer, and she was working on all the property issues. He mentioned the Deputy had slowed things down on Bridge Street and he thanked the Council for making that happen.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated he would get an update on the RV. Mr. Martin noted the Supreme Court had changed the rules on RVs and what the cities can do.</p> <p>Tina Thompson advised there were cars chasing each other up Fair Oaks all hours of the night. She noted the water meters needed to be addressed before they freeze in the winter. She asked about the progress on the abatement on Ellis. Mayor Bailey stated he would follow up on the property this week.</p> <p>Dawn Martin advised that the Community Action Agency might help with the trailers. She suggested calling the weatherization department to help get the trailers all fixed.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public comments at 6:22 p.m.</p>
Polk County Transfer Facility Presentation	<p>Austin McGuigan and Nicolas Dahl, owner of Rehub, gave a presentation regarding the new transfer station in Rickreall.</p> <p>Mr. McGuigan asked if Falls City would be interested in pursuing an intergovernmental agreement with Polk County for a new transfer station in Rickreall. He noted he would come back and approve the IGA in near future to discuss franchising.</p> <p>Nicolas Dahl, owner of ReHub, stated that Polk County sent 1.3 million tons of trash annually to Coffin Butte, which will be closing in the 8-10 years. He noted that all the remaining waste disposal facilities would be closing at the end of 2024. He noted the facility in Rickreall would be</p>

centrally located and help bring costs down. He mentioned they would be able to dismantle RVs and trailers.

Mr. McGuigan stated the rate analysis would provide performance fees with all services. He noted the cost would go up substantially. He stated the plan was to get ahead of a significant change in waste management with a new station.

Mayor Bailey stated that with Coffin Butte not going to be available the concerns of costs to the public would be important. He asked if a cost analysis could be done and brought back to Council and give the pros and cons.

Mr. McGuigan noted the Commissioners would hold public hearings and he could provide the rate study to Mr. Foscoli.


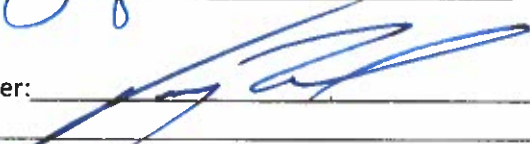
Mr. Foscoli noted that Republic Services would be at the next Council meeting for a new franchise agreement.

Mr. McGuigan advised there would be a one time increase of \$2.80 per customer. Councilor D Sickles asked where the increase would go. Mr. McGuigan stated to Republic Services. He noted that if the cities got ahead of the changes, it would give them leverage with the franchise agreements and the agreements would allow to use the Rickreall facility instead of Coffin Butte.

Council President Houghtaling stated the new facility would create 18 new jobs and bring in tax revenue. She noted that it would allow for school field trips and possible job shadows.

Councilor Meier asked what would happen if Falls City didn't go with the Rickreall facility and Coffin Butte shuts down. Mr. McGuigan stated there was no redundancy for trash. He noted the time was now to pounce and get best rates for citizens. He stated that cities that had no interest would need to find a hauler and they would have to find somewhere to dump.

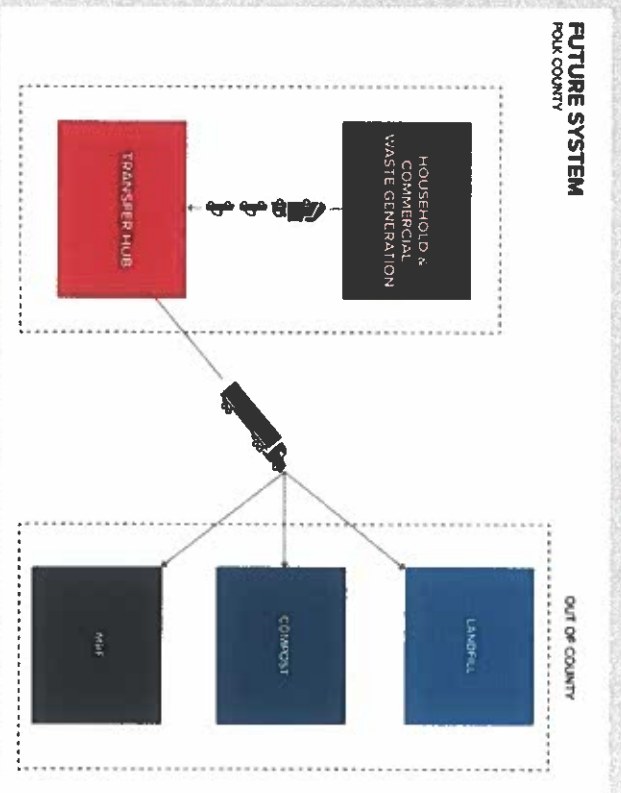
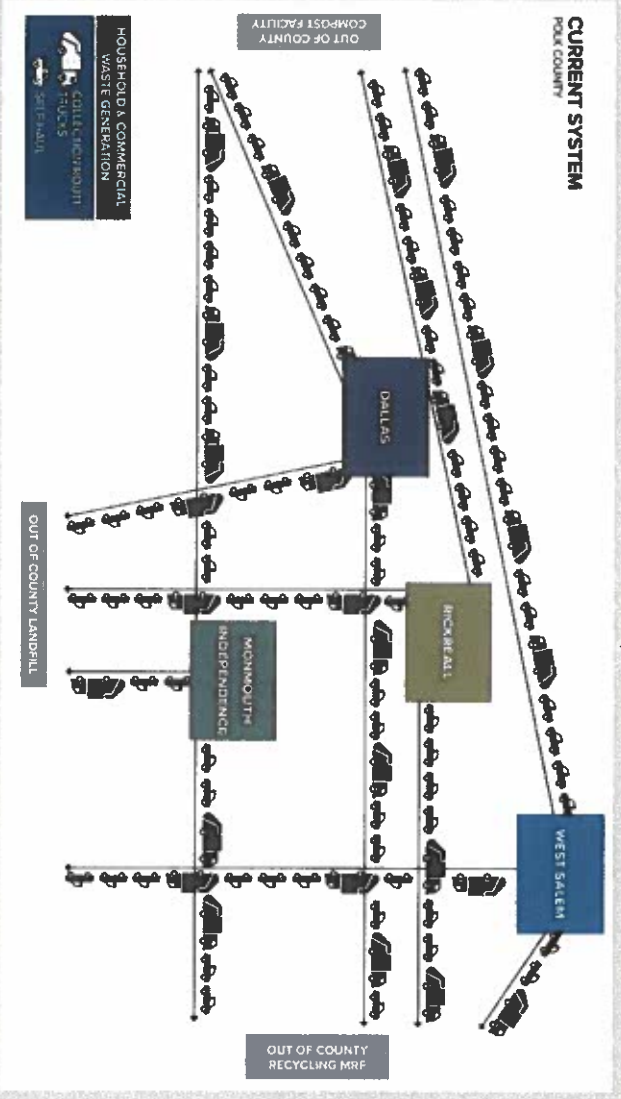
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Sheriff Report b) Fire Report c) Public Works Report d) Code Enforcement Report e) City Manager's Report</p> <p>f) Park Restroom Upgrades</p>	<p>There were no comments. There were no comments. There were no comments. There were no comments. Mr. Foscoli report regarding the wastewater treatment plant, Community Resource Center project, the RARE student, code enforcement, and the upper park restroom vandalism.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported the upper park restrooms needed to be renovated. Cameras are more of a community project.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked to get the estimate on trees. Mr. Foscoli noted he would do that tomorrow. Councilor Backus asked if we should hold off on renovations until trees are done. Mr. Foscoli noted he would get quotes for the trees and restrooms.</p> <p>Mr. Lamprecht stated he looked at the trees and noted there was some value from the trees and that he could remove them.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to approve the park restroom renovation quotes at a cap of \$12,000 and to secure an arborist to look at the trees. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and carried with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, D sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Resolutions</p> <p>a) Resolution 12-2024</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated there were more specificity on the expenses for the supplemental budget.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve the Resolution 12-2024. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, D sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>

Good of the Order	<p>Councilor D Sickles thanked the City for allowing the football team to play all their home games on the football field.</p> <p>Councilor Meier noted that Mr. Fornier was parking on North Main.</p> <p>Councilor Backus mentioned that Falls City was \$150-\$170,000 behind on property tax payments and that tax base allows more money to do things. He noted there were several people with years of back taxes. He advised that if you see a wild dog to please call animal control.</p>
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.
<p>Read and approved this <u>4</u> day of <u>November</u> 2024.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	



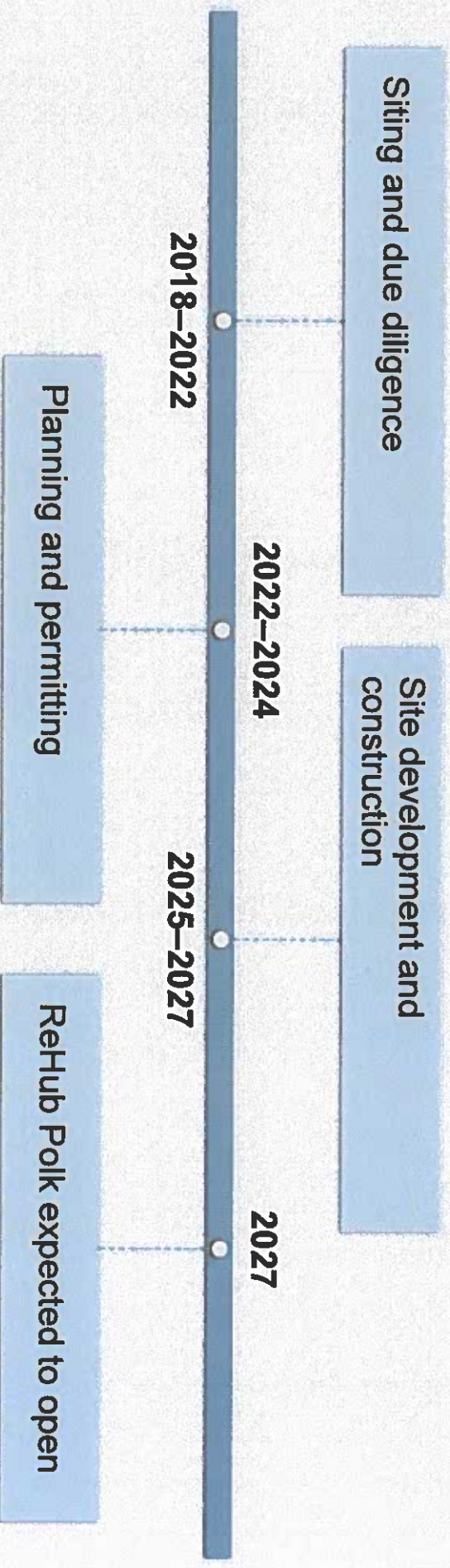
**REHUB POLK
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FACILITY**

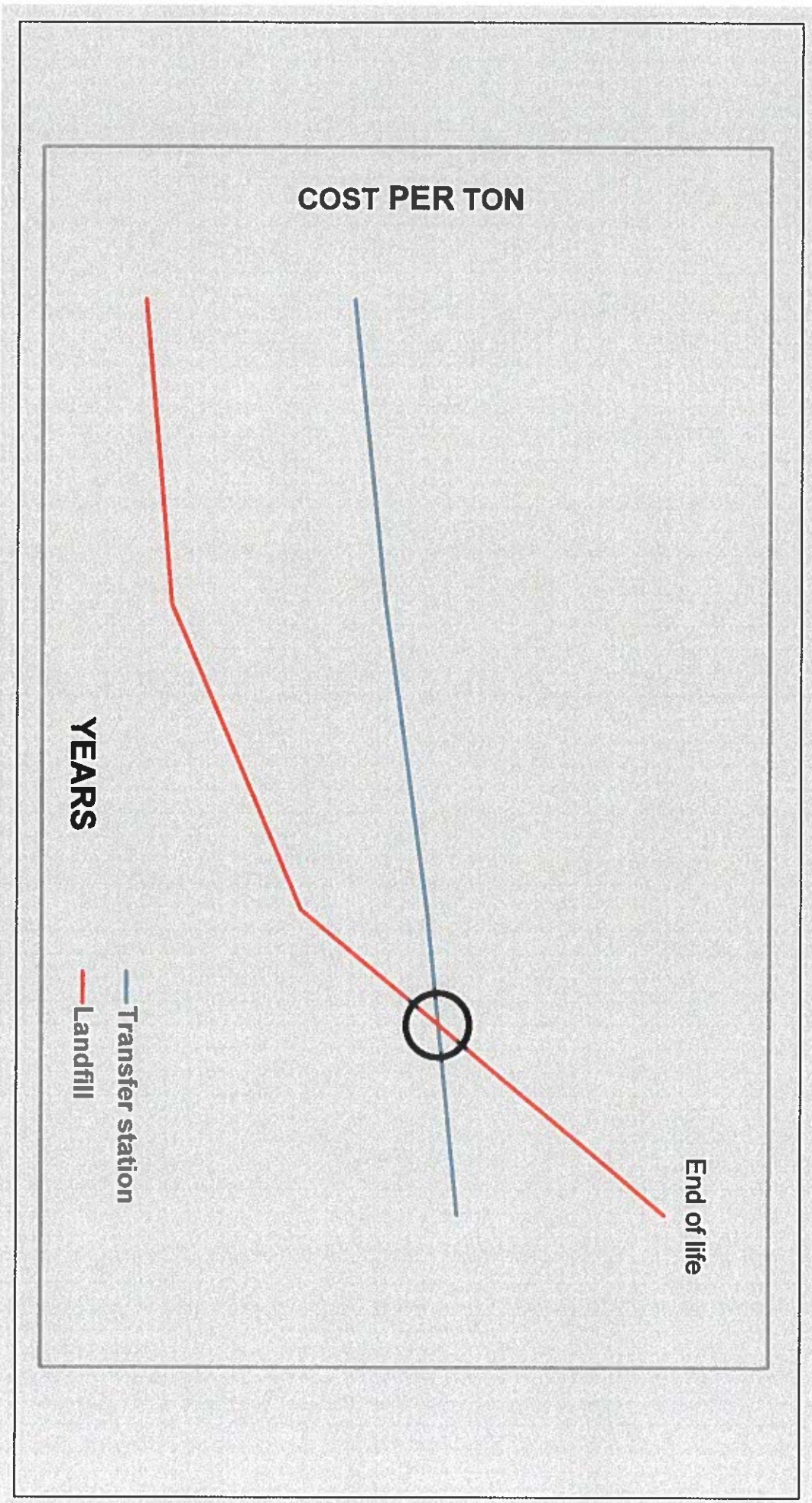




WASTE SYSTEMS – CURRENT AND FUTURE

WASTE FACILITY SITING TIMELINE







EARLY TRANSFER STATIONS

- Replaced local solid waste landfills
- Vector/nuisance issues
- Efficiency and safety issues
- Exposed to the elements
- Not built to handle today's waste stream
- Safety/efficiency updates
- Similar issues to first-generation
- Fully enclosed except recycling
- Separate unloading and queuing areas for commercial and public self-haul
- Addresses vector and nuisance issues



KEY BENEFITS

- Local ownership and management
- 18 full-time, family wage jobs
- New tax revenue that can be invested in local communities and our state
- Long-term rate stability
- Synergies with local businesses
- Maximize recycling/reuse within current waste streams
- Efficiencies help reduce air pollution, fuel and energy use, road wear and tear
- Tillable acres at Rickreall Dairy available for agricultural uses
- Supports a circular economy

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