

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

MARCH 23, 1994

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Fox, Carolyn Meerian, Dennis Graves,
Mark Criger, Bruce Anderson, Mayor Richard Hamit.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kenny and Joe Greene, Lori Smith, Eldon
Christesen, Bruce Sisson, Lila Hamit, Cheryl Brown

The mayor called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.; the clerk called the roll. There was a quorum present.

Mayor Hamit stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss solid waste rate increases, and also the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield contract.

Kenny Greene presented their proposal for the rate increase. He again stated that the percentage of increase is higher for residential rates because they haul more from the residences than from the businesses.

County Commissioner Christesen stated that the county has contracted with Hamm's to haul from Osage County to Hamm's landfill for \$21.00 per ton. He also explained that certain requirements have to be met by the hauler. Other charges were as follows:

1.50 per ton to the State

.50 per ton to a county compact for recycling

11.50 per ton for county landfill/transfer costs

Christesen also stated that they had an estimate for the transfer station of \$315,000.00, but they do not have all the final costs at this time.

Kenny Greene stated that for Osage Waste to haul directly to the landfill in Jefferson County they would have to have special boxes on their trucks, and also permits from each county they travel in.

Mayor Hamit stated that he has a problem with the residences being raised 80% while the businesses are being raised less than 50%. He said he thought the raise should be equal across the board.

Bruce Anderson asked Commissioner Christesen when did the county find out about all these increases. Christesen said they have known for some time there would be an increase, but just found out 2 weeks ago exactly how much it was going to be.

Kenny Greene stated that there is no way they can haul at the increased rates for the rest of the contract period.

Mayor Hamit asked Commissioner Christesen if there was any chance the county could absorb the increase to the haulers, and was told there was very little possibility of that happening.

Councilmember Fox questioned the legality of increasing the rates since the city has a contract. After more discussion, the

council agreed by concensus to have another special meeting with the city attorney present. The possibility of the city paying part of the increase until the contract expires in June was discussed. Monday, March 28 was set as the tentative meeting time.

The clerk stated that written notice at least 60 days in advance of the contract date must be given in order that the present contract is NOT automatically renewed. Bruce Anderson made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Meerian, to write a letter to Osage Waste, Inc. informing them that the City of Overbrook did NOT wish to renew the contract of June, 1993. Motion carried.

The clerk informed the council that she had received a letter from Blue Cross Blue Shield with new rates to go into effect with the May 1, 1994 billing. Full family coverage rates went from \$437.58 to \$366.91. The council agreed by concensus to renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for another year.

Dale Fox made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Brown, Clerk

APPROVED

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