

City Council Action Item Cover Sheet

DATE: July 3, 2018

Agenda Item:

Yachats Yard Debris Dumpster

Question Before Council:

Discussion of Yachats Yard Debris Dumpster

Person/Group Initiating Request:

Council

Item Summary/Background:

Following a motion on June 13, 2018, the City Council agreed to have the City Manager bring forward a resolution on July 3, 2018 memorializing their acceptance of Dahl's Yard Debris Proposal.

The Council further decided to discuss the yard debris dumpster at the July 3rd work session.
For large items following a storm, Dahl offered for residents to be able to come to their facility after a storm event, drop off large debris items, and Dahl would charge the City of Yachats for the debris.

Attached are the correspondence. June 13 Council minutes are not yet transcribed.

On Jun 25, 2018, at 5:59 AM

Gerald,

Good morning Tu

I refer to the City Council's decision on June 13, 2018 to commit the City residents to a bi-weekly recycling pickup alternating with bi-weekly garden waste pickup.

The question of whether the present skip service at the City maintenance yard will be maintained after the bi weekly service goes into effect was seemingly "conveniently" left in abeyance or alternatively as suggested by Dahl, to be replaced with service whereby residents take their excess garden waste directly to Dahl's yard at Waldport was also left in abeyance.

If the current skip service is maintained, the fact that City residents first use their bi-weekly garden waste pickup service should greatly reduce the usage of the skip and thus the annual cost to the City.

Since, as I understand it, the new garden waste pick up services is on a year round basis, larger lot Owners, could simply store on site the excess quantity of garden waste generated in spring and fall and dispose of it during the balance of the year. Owners of small lots might not have this capability, yet may still generate at certain times of the year more garden waste than the Dahl bins can accommodate on a bi weekly basis.

My real concern is that without the availability of the skip service at the City maintenance yard, that excess yard waste may end up being dumped on empty lots within the City, by persons who either cannot or will not temporarily store their excess yard waste on their property pending proper disposal or simply cannot be bothered to take it to the Dahl facility at Waldport. This being the case, why should innocent lot owners be faced with the removal costs of other persons garden waste which directly resulted from a decision taken by the City Council.

Owners of lots within the City who live in remote locations and seldom if ever visit their property in Yachats are likely to be unaware that their lot(s) could become a dumping ground for other peoples excess garden waste. In addition, if excess yard waste is dumped around the City, this would detract from pleasant surroundings that both Citizens and tourists have become accustomed to in our City.

Tony Godfrey

395 Radar Road.

Shannon Beaucaire

From: Morgen Brodie <silvercane17@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 1:27 PM
To: City Hall
Subject: Green waste proposal

Yes, please!

Morgen Brodie



DATE: June 13, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Shannon Beaucaire, City Manager

SUBJECT: Yard Debris Proposal from Dahl

Background:

The City Council will be meeting today to hear public input regarding Dahl's proposal to incorporate green waste (yard debris) as a service.

Attached to this memo is a copy of the green waste proposal Dahl presented at the May 2, 2019 meeting, as well as, 4 emails received by Yachats citizens.

Additionally, anticipating you will want to know the current cost of the yard debris dumpster the City currently provides as a service, the annual cost is approximately:

\$10,000 per year for the dumpster

- Amount varies depending on how often the dumpster needs to be emptied. We are charged each time Dahl has to empty the dumpster.

\$8,580 per year for crew work

- This includes picking up debris that fell from vehicles or outside the dumpster and crawling into the dumpster to take out bags or other items that would result in a higher fee charged from Dahl

\$1,586 per year for using the backhoe to push down the debris to make sure the dumpster is full when it is picked up by Dahl.

Shannon Beaucaire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 8:18 AM
To: City Hall
Subject: Green waste recycling program

To: Mayor Gerald Stanley, Yachats City Council
From: Quinton Smith, 501 Lemwick Lane
About: Dahl Disposal green waste program
Date: June 13, 2018

I have a conflict Wednesday night and will not be able to attend the City Council meeting where you are seeking public comment on Dahl Disposal's proposed green waste recycling program. So, I'm sending comments via email, as suggested in the city newsletter.

Please go slow on this proposal. Here's why I hope you will:

- The council, appropriately, has already approved an 11 percent increase in rates. Adding another \$1.75 a month to everyone's bill, while a seemingly small number, is a very large percentage rate increase while maintaining only the same frequency of service. Also, consider this increased cost in context of other increasing costs of utilities and voter approved tax levies and bonds.
- I was at the May meeting where Dahl representatives made what I consider a poorly detailed pitch for the program. They had no real numbers on the pilot program. But more importantly there is and was no information whether this program is working. For example, there are three houses (out of 14 full-time residents) on our street participating in the pilot program. But in observing pickups and talking to the Dahl driver rarely are there any green waste pickups. Is this service being used -- and how much participation would there be citywide? No one really knows. Try to find out.
- Require (I believe you can because it is a city-approved franchise) Dahl to continue this pilot program for a year to study actual participation rates and seasonal participation (spring v. winter, for example). Also require more information on the costs of the program; I thought Dahl's numbers in May were minimal at best.

Thank you for inviting comments. Thank you for your volunteer work, time and commitment to a great community.

Shannon Beaucaire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 11:33 AM
To: City Hall
Subject: Revised email regarding Council Meeting 6/13/2018

Unfortunately, we will be unable to attend this meeting but would like to have our input noted.

Re: Dahl's Yard Debris

As residents of Spruce Ave. we rely on the dumpster (in the gated area next to the sewer plant) which has been available to city residents. We totally support Dahl's curbside bins for those with small yards or minimal cuttings.

But for those living in areas having trees/brush etc. the bin is important for clean up especially after storms.

We would like see the bin remain as well as the curb side containers.

Thanks,

Patti Johnson and Patt Rollins

Shannon Beaucaire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 4:20 PM
To: City Hall
Subject: Curbside green recycle

I am writing in regard to the green waste pickup proposal. When I first moved full time to Yachats, seven years ago, I signed up for Dahl's green waste pickup. Every other week was never enough, except in the winter months. I live on a 100 x 100 lot. Grass, trees, shrubs, and weeds. I ended up making many trips to Dahl's. I don't have a problem paying the suggested amount, but if it means the yard debris bin by the transfer station goes away, then I'm against it. I will end up with piles of debris, attracting critters, until I have a truck load to haul to Dahl's.

Thank you,
Debbie Moore

Shannon Beaucaire

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2018 2:14 PM
To: City Hall
Subject: Green waste pickup proposal.

While we think that a green waste pick up every other week is good idea, in view of the forthcoming increase in the disposal bill we do not agree that Dahl should charge an additional amount of \$1.75 per month for this service. For most customers green waste disposal would not be an issue in the winter months as there would be so little of it, so Dahl would have a lot less to pick up. Also, would the green waste disposal dumpster at the sewer plant then go away if the service went into effect?

Paul and Maggie Marshall



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April 14, 2018

**City of Yachats
Attn: Shannon Beaucaire, City Manager
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2018 Rate Review Report

Enclosed please find our Annual Report of Operations as required in Section 5.10.140 (d) of the City of Yachats Code.

As required in this section, we have included an annual report of results of operations prepared by our CPA for the year ended 12/31/2017 (Exhibit A). We have also included a schedule of all additional allowable expenses that we anticipate for the current year (Exhibit B), Calculation of Operating Ratio for last year and the current year (Exhibit C) and the projected equipment and depreciation schedule for 2017 (Exhibit D).

Based on this data, our Operating Ratio is projected to be outside of the allowable range of 85% to 91%. The Operating Ratio that we project, without a rate adjustment is, is 98.55%. Based on this, we are requesting a rate adjustment to bring the Operating Ratio to the target of 88% as called for in the Code. The rate adjustment that we are requesting is 11.04%. For our most popular service of a 35-gallon cart weekly, this amounts to an additional \$3.07 per month. This adjustment which is largely due to the recycling market changes as it relates to China, is similar in both percentage and dollar amounts as the City of Portland as detailed in the attached news article. We have included a revised rate schedule for your review (Exhibit E)

The need for this rate adjustment is attributable to the following material items:

- As most people are generally aware, the markets for recycled materials has been devastated by the changes that China has implemented over the past few months. While last year at this time there was a small payment from the processors in Portland that helped to cover some of the transportation costs, we are now paying significantly more to deliver recycling to the market than we pay to deliver garbage to the landfill. This cost alone accounts for 81% of the rate adjustment, or 8.94% of the 11.04%, with all other expenses combined accounting 19% of the 11.04%, or 2.10% of the 11.04%.**

Revised 4/30/2018

- **The 2-year change in the CPI – U, West b/c for March of 2018 was 5.10%. Had it not been for the recycling markets collapse, the rates would have adjusted by 85% of that two-year total, or 4.33%, rather than the 2.1% that is over and above the recycling market change.**

In addition, as requested by council several times, we have included a proposal to commence providing pick up of yard debris, or green waste. This service would be instrumental in reaching our state-wide and County recycling goals. Our proposal is based on an "every other week program" that would consist of providing every other week comingled recycling and every other week yard debris service. We would provide customers with a 95-gallon cart, color coded calendars notating the even and odd weeks that their recycling or yard debris would be serviced. This every other week proposal allows us to offer the service at a much lower rate as we would be utilizing the same truck and driver for both services, negating the need for an additional truck and driver. The adjustment needed to provide this additional service would be 6.30%, or \$1.75 per month for our 35-gallon weekly cart customers. We would anticipate delivering the 95-gallon carts for this service within 8 weeks of the effective date of the new rates. The customer would be able to put out recycling on one week, and green waste on the other week, all year long. This proposal would not be subscription based, but rather would become part of the standard garbage and recycling services provided.

We are happy to sit down and discuss our Annual Report of Operations with you at your convenience and ask that we be notified of any planned discussions of this report with the City Council so that we may attend.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Joseph Cook

Joseph Cook, Rate Analyst

