



# News Release

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### ***Council Receives Presentation on Solid Waste & Recycling Services Proposals***

On March 27, the Council received a presentation from Solid Waste Specialists, LLC on the proposals received for solid waste and recycling services in Highland Village. In December 2017 the request for proposals was advertised with the proposals accepted on February 14, 2018. Staff and the consultant, Solid Waste Specialists, LLC, reviewed the three submitted proposals and recommended the Council initiate a contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD). The proposal from CWD provides enhanced service over the current solid waste contract, including continuation of ten bags per week of garbage collected on a weekly basis, increase to 95 gallon recycling cart, weekly compost collection, collection of large brush and bulk items twice a month, continuation of the Household Hazardous Waste at the curb program, and ability for residents to deliver material to CWD's facility at no additional charge. The monthly proposed monthly fee is \$16.24, which is the lowest fee of the three proposals. Council will consider a resolution recommending the contract with CWD at their meeting on April 10. The current solid waste contract expires August 31, 2018. City staff will work with CWD to provide residents and businesses information to foster a smooth transition to Community Waste Disposal.

Council received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2016. The report represents the yearly audit of city finances and records. The auditors Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P. assigned an unqualified opinion of the city's financial statements, which declare the statements present fairly the financial position of the city.

During the Mayor and Council reports, Life Saving Awards were presented to emergency personnel for two different calls. In both cases the resident had gone into cardiac arrest. In the first situation, a resident was having difficulty breathing. His wife called 911 and spoke with dispatchers Rhonda Wells and Marcy Leggett. Corporal Michael MacLean and Officer John Bradley arrived on scene first and immediately began CPR. When Captain Tony Sorsby, Diver/Operator Vince Jones, Firefighter/Paramedics Cody Wooten, Justin Moore, Trevis Jordan and Jonathan Hughes arrived, they began care and transported the patient to the hospital where he made a full recovery. In the second situation the resident collapsed in cardiac arrest. His wife called 911 and dispatchers Brianna Robbins and Terra Hair walked her through CPR until emergency services arrived. Captain Jared Middleton, Driver/Operator Mel Harper, Firefighter/Paramedics Cody Wooten, Jack Lacy and Clint Duke initiated treatment and transported the patient to the hospital. He recovered and visited with responders and city administration the next week to thank them for saving his life.

"When someone has cardiac arrest time is of the essence. According to the American Heart Association, an individual who has a cardiac arrest event has a 46% chance of survival if a bystander initiates CPR immediately," stated Fire Chief Brad Goudie. "We have taken steps to increase the odds of survival. The Highland Village Professional Firefighters Association offers monthly CPR classes to the community, all police officers have been trained as Emergency Care Attendants with AED's in every police vehicle, and 911 dispatchers are trained to provide Emergency Medical Dispatch to initiate CPR with those on scene."

“The presentation of these Life Saving Awards to the personnel who have employed the training they have received are positive examples of the emphasis we put on our public safety enhancements last fiscal year,” stated Mayor Charlotte Wilcox. “From the dispatchers to the officers and fire personnel we are now providing our residents and visitors advanced care that increases their odds of survival in these types of situations.”

In the City Manager Report the [HVTV Update](#) informed residents of ways to minimize pollution in stormwater, how residents can see how their city tax dollars are spent in the Factual Phil segment, and the police department’s Special Treatment and Response (STAR) program that allows residents to inform emergency services of special medical needs to assist them if they are called to their location.

The City Council early work session and regular session is available on HVTV (Spectrum 15; Frontier 43) and via website streaming by searching HVTV. The meetings are also available for on-demand viewing on the city [website](#).