

City Council of Peachtree City
Minutes of Meeting
March 24, 2009
8:15 a.m.

Mayor Logsdon called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Other members in attendance were: Cyndi Plunkett, Doug Sturbaum, and Don Haddix. Steve Boone was unable to attend.

Consider Bids for Landscaping and Grass Cutting Services

City Manager Bernard McMullen recommended executing a contract with TruGreen LandCare of Stone Mountain in the amount of \$256,206.77 for calendar year 2009, with two one-year optional extensions for the seasonal grass cutting along roadways, landscaping, and grass cutting on athletic fields. McMullen said that when staff looked at outsourcing these services, the estimated savings had been \$840,000; however, after the bids came in, the City would see a \$940,000 savings.

McMullen said the bid was put out in three sections for the three separate types of services. TruGreen had been the low bidder for all three sections. Logsdon noted the price range of the bids for the athletic fields and asked if TruGreen would be able to provide the service at that price. McMullen said TruGreen was the previous bidder on a partial outsourcing of these services, and they were performing the work to specifications. Plunkett asked how close the current bid matched TruGreen's previous bid. McMullen said it was in line with the previous pricing.

Plunkett asked about emergency or last minute requests to take care of specific areas prior to events. McMullen said the City would be able to work with TruGreen on scheduling, or call for additional work via a change order. He suggested having a specified number of hours for litter pickup.

Al Yougel of Keep Peachtree City Beautiful expressed concern about the bid specifications regarding litter removal. He felt it called for a certain number of inspections, but did not feel it would address the growing litter problem. McMullen said staff had discussed the specifications on litter removal, but that would be dictating methods and means, and staff had wanted to specify requirements. He said staff also understood going with an outside firm would be a major change, and he felt the City would be making improvements in the contract along the way.

Plunkett asked the TruGreen representatives present how they felt about the litter specifications. They indicated they would have one full-time employee policing the City streets every day, and additional maintenance staff addressing the problem. They estimated having roughly seven employees a day performing litter removal. McMullen said staff would be monitoring the contract and performance closely.

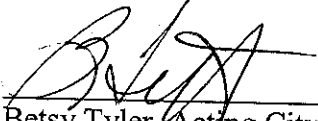
Sturbaum moved to accept the bid from TruGreen LandCare in the amount of \$256,206.77. Haddix seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

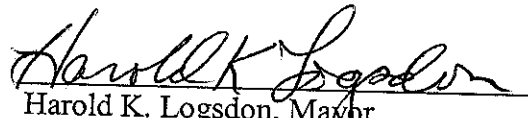
Consider Natural Gas and Compressed Natural Gas Provider

McMullen said staff recommended entering into a one-year contract with Coweta-Fayette EMC to begin on August 1, 2009. He indicated the City had bid out the contract for the past nine years, with Coweta-Fayette EMC consistently being the low bidder. They had approached staff about renewing for 2010 at a rate of \$0.60 per therm, which was less than half the current contract rate and would result in a savings.

Plunkett moved to approve a one-year contract with Coweta-Fayette EMC. Sturbaum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Sturbaum moved to adjourn the meeting. Haddix seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.


Betsy Tyler, Acting City Clerk


Harold K. Logsdon, Mayor