

**TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2015**

The town council of Leo-Cedarville met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on April 20, 2015 at the Town Hall of Leo-Cedarville, located at 13909 Pony Express Run, Leo, IN 46765.

ATTENDANCE: In attendance were Kevin Veatch, president; council members Greg Peck and Raymond Pulver, Jr.; Peggy Garton, town manager; Patrick Proctor, of Eilbacher Fletcher LLP; and John Eastes, clerk-treasurer. Mr. Steffens and Mr. Richards were not able to attend.

Mr. Veatch called the meeting to order and led attendees in the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

AGENDA: The purpose of the special meeting was to review and possibly take action on recently received bids for a new town-wide residential garbage service contract. Without objection, Council approved the agenda as distributed.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS or PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Kirk Salerno, of Earth First, LLC, provided comment and responded to questions asked, and Mr. Ray Garbaciak, of Republic Services, Inc., provided comment.

- **Garbage Contract Bids:** Bids for a new town-wide residential garbage service contract were received from Republic Services, Inc.; Washler Inc. and Earth First, LLC. The new three-year contract, as bid, includes curbside pick-up service as before and covers the following period of time: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

Representatives from Republic Services, Inc. and Earth First, LLC attended the bid review process. Mr. Bob Doellin, attorney for Earth First, LLC, was in attendance but did not speak.

Mr. Proctor provided council members with a comparative “Monthly Rate Per Household—Just Garbage” spreadsheet analysis and a comparative “Total Cost Per Month” spreadsheet analysis.

Earth First, LLC has current municipal contracts with Woodburn, Butler and New Haven; Republic Services, Inc. has current municipal contracts with Fort Wayne, Auburn and Bluffton. Mrs. Garton shared performance reviews as verbally provided by these municipalities, with Earth First, LLC receiving one negative review from the City of New Haven. At Mr. Peck’s request, Mrs. Garton shared information as provided by New Haven on April 20, and Mr. Salerno provided a response on behalf of Earth First, LLC.

Council members and Mr. Proctor discussed bids received based upon “Leo-Cedarville Bid Specifications for Residential Curbside Pick Up 2015” as advertised. Bid specifications were prepared by Mr. Proctor and included various three-year options for Council to consider.

Mr. Proctor explained statutory requirements for awarding a bid, in that bids must be considered “responsive” and “responsible.”

(Action: Because of the April 20 performance review provided by New Haven specific to Earth First, LLC, Mr. Peck moved to accept Republic Services, Inc.'s contract bid, at a monthly fee of \$9.99 per residential service, for town-wide residential garbage collection (Option C: a three-year fixed, with optional residential curbside recycling, with two unlimited garbage pick-ups), covering the period of July 1 of 2015 through June 30, 2018. The motion failed for lack of a second.)

(Action: Following further discussion by council members, Mr. Veatch moved to table action on awarding a new residential garbage collection service contract until council meets on April 28, and Mr. Pulver provided a second to the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote: Mr. Veatch and Mr. Pulver voted in support of the motion, and Mr. Peck voted not to support the motion.)

ADJORNMENT: Without objection, Mr. Veatch adjourned the meeting.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

KEVIN VEATCH, Council President

JOHN EASTES, Clerk-Treasurer