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MODERN WASTE TO PROVIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICE IN THE CITY OF JONESVILLE

At their October 17th regular meeting, the Jonesville City Council took action to move forward on a contract with Modern Waste Systems to provide trash and recycling service to City residents. The current five-year contract with Republic Services is set to expire at the end of the year.

The City solicited bids for the service earlier this fall. After receiving bids from Modern Waste and Republic, the City Council appointed a three-member subcommittee to review the bids and to provide a recommendation to Council. The subcommittee and members of City staff met with representatives of Modern Waste, the low bidder for the services, at their headquarters in Napoleon.

“Although the City has enjoyed a long and positive working relationship with Republic Services, the savings proposed by Modern Waste is significant,” said City Manager Jeff Gray. “After doing its due diligence, including a visit to the company’s facility, the subcommittee is confident that Modern Waste will provide quality service to the City and its residents.”

Modern Waste will offer once-a-week trash pickup, and every-other-week recycling service in the City. Customers will be provided separate wheeled carts for the two services, as they have previously. Trash service will be offered to Jonesville City residents at the rate of \$10.50 per month. Recycling service will be available for \$3.50 per month. Modern Waste will keep the rate the same for the first, second and third years of the contract. Rates will increase by 3% per year in years four and five of the contract.

The contract will be effective on January 1, 2019. The City will providing additional information at a later date so that customers will be prepared as the Republic Services contract expires and the Modern Waste contract begins. Modern Waste will bill customers for trash and recycling service directly.

Taxpayers will additionally save with the contract with Modern Waste, as the company will provide trash and recycling service to City facilities at no charge. Modern Waste will also continue the annual residential Spring clean-up. The cities of Jonesville and Hillsdale requested bids for these services at the same time to benefit residents in both communities.

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