



## **City of Belton Approves Centralized Waste Collection**

**BELTON, MO**—June 30, 2017—The Belton City Council approved an ordinance to centralize residential solid waste collection on June 27, culminating a three-year effort aimed at reducing costs for residents and reducing heavy truck traffic on city streets.

“Since 2014, the City has made clear its intention to award a single residential waste contract to eliminate duplication of services and unnecessary heavy truck traffic on city streets,” Belton City Manager Alexa Barton said. “A growing number of cities in the metropolitan area and throughout the country are moving to a centralized system to save money and reduce wear and tear on public infrastructure.”

Beginning in January 2018, Jim’s Disposal Service, LLC will exclusively handle Belton’s solid waste collection. The company’s three-year municipal contract includes weekly trash service, recycling, 10-month yard-waste pickup, as well as two curbside bulky pickups per year. In addition, the contract includes ‘garage door pickup’ for persons with proof of limited ability due to health, age or physical limits, with advanced notice.

Jim’s Disposal Service provided the lowest and best proposal with a monthly cost of \$12.41 per residence. Competing bids included Municipal Waste Service at \$13.75 per month, and Constable Sanitation at \$14.60 per month. The City interviewed the three lowest bidders to gather information about various services including type of trucks, pickup schedule, cart program, customer support and dispatch services.

The average Belton resident will save \$241 per year for comprehensive waste services-- including unlimited once-weekly trash pickup, recycling and yard waste-- based on a side-by-side comparison of current rates being paid by Belton residents. A joint bid with the City of Raymore added more households to the contract, helping achieve economies of scale and additional savings for Belton residents.

“Conservatively, city residents will realize a \$1.8 million savings per year cumulatively under this agreement, or \$5.4 million over the three-year life of the contract,” Barton said. “In many cases, residents can expect to see their average waste hauling expenses for comparable service cut in half. Those are significant savings.”

Information about pickup times, cart delivery and billing procedures will be available on the City's website and through mailers inserted in utility bills beginning in September. Additional bids were received by WCA, \$14.89 per month; K.C. Disposal at \$15.47 per month; and Republic Services at \$21.75 per month.

In 2014, the Belton City Council declared its intent to offer centralized waste collection, joining a growing number of cities that have successfully implemented services and programs that save citizens' money and preserve public infrastructure.