



**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA  
July 22, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
(Virtual Meeting)**

*The Mount Vernon City Councilmembers will be participating in this meeting via video/teleconference technology.*

**To virtually attend the meeting, the public may:**

1. **Call the conference line:** 1-888-924-9240; Access Code: 3366211  
(please 'mute' your phone, if possible, to minimize distractions)
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**I. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call of Councilmembers

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of July 20, 2020 payroll checks numbered 110152 - 110175 direct deposit checks numbered 77852 - 78057, and wire transfers numbered 874 – 878 in the amount of \$1,111,768.56
- B. Approval of July 22, 2020 Claims numbered 9744 – 9899 in the amount of \$1,202,073.95

**III. REPORTS**

- A. Review of Emails from the Public  
(All public comments must be sent via email to [council@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:council@mountvernonwa.gov). The comments will be read aloud into the record during the public comment portion of the agenda.)
- B. Councilmember Comments
- C. Mayor's Report
- D. Committee Agenda Requests

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sold Waste Service Rate Change for Transfer Station Tipping Fee Increase  
(Staff will discuss with the Mayor and Council a Skagit County solid waste disposal services rate increase pass through.)  
(required action – none)  
(staff contact – Esco Bell)

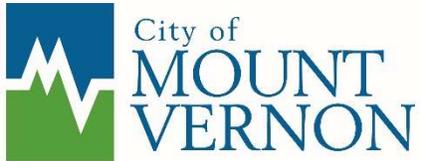
- B. For the Good of the Order:
- COVID 19 pandemic response and discussion
  - Finance Update
    - Revenues
    - Hotel/Motel Tax
    - Investment Activity
    - 2021 Budget
  - Fireworks discussion

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Finance and Parks & Enrichment Services                      Cancelled

Next Ordinance    3806

Next Resolution    979



**DATE:** July 22, 2020  
**TO:** Mayor Boudreau and City Council  
**FROM:** Esco Bell, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** SOLID WASTE SERVICE RATE CHANGE FOR TRANFER STATION TIPPING INCREASE

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

The City of Mount Vernon has an agreement with Skagit County for solid waste disposal services. Effective June 1, 2020, the Skagit County increased their disposal fee from \$96 per ton to \$98 per ton. The disposal fee is scheduled to increase by \$2 per ton annually till May 2024. The cost impact to the Solid Waste Division is approximately \$3,000 per month.

**FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS:**

The City of Mount Vernon engaged Bell & Associates, Inc. to perform a comprehensive solid waste rate study, which began in February 2019. During the interim between the County's rate increase and the City Council's approval of the cost of solid waste service rate study, Bell & Associates and staff are recommending that the City increase the current collection rates and pass through the disposal fee increase and as they occur through May 2024. The table on the following page summarizes the increase for the various cart and container sizes provided by the City.

Cart Size	Current Rate	Disposal Increase Pass Through	October 1 2020 Rate	June 1 2021 Rate	June 1 2022 Rate	June 1 2023 Rate
20 gallon	\$9.69	\$0.10	\$9.79	\$9.89	\$9.99	\$10.09
35 gallon	\$19.28	\$0.20	\$19.48	\$19.68	\$19.88	\$20.08
65 gallon	\$34.73	\$0.30	\$35.03	\$35.33	\$35.63	\$35.93
95 gallon	\$46.75	\$0.40	\$47.15	\$47.55	\$47.95	\$48.35
Container Size	Current Rate	Disposal Increase Pass Through	October 1 2020 Rate	June 1 2020 Rate	June 1 2022 Rate	June 1 2023 Rate
1 yard	\$80.64	\$0.60	\$81.24	\$81.84	\$82.44	\$83.04
1.5 yard	\$99.66	\$0.90	\$100.56	\$101.46	\$102.36	\$103.26
2 yard	\$129.89	\$1.10	\$130.99	\$132.09	\$133.19	\$134.29
4 yard	\$226.13	\$2.20	\$228.33	\$230.53	\$232.73	\$234.93
6 yard	\$360.49	\$3.30	\$363.79	\$367.09	\$370.39	\$373.69
8 yard	\$452.26	\$4.40	\$456.66	\$461.06	\$465.46	\$469.86

Customers using a drop box or compactor would pay the actual amount of the disposal.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No action at this time.

**ATTACHED:**

None