



**Public Works Committee Meeting
April 12, 2023**

**5:00PM
City Council Chambers**

325 Metcalf St

Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

- **CALL TO ORDER: [Time: 5:00 pm]**
- **ROLL CALL:**
- **CONSENT AGENDA:**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 1. **Projects Update**
 - a. SR20/SR9-Township Intersection Improvements
 - b. Memorial Park
 - c. Olmsted Park Phase 1
 - d. 2023 Pavement & Pedestrian Improvements - Cook Rd, Jameson St
 - e. 2023 Arterial & Local Access Street Preservation
 - f. Township Street (SR 9) & John Liner Rd / McGarigle Rd Intersection
 - g. SR20/Cascade Trail Phase 2A Holtcamp to Hodgin
 - h. WWTP Anoxic Tank Upgrade
 - i. 2023 Sewer Collections System Project
 - **NEW BUSINESS:**

Recycling Service Discussion
 - **ADJOURNMENT: [Time: 5:45 pm]**

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF REDUCING CITY RECYCLING SERVICE

OBJECTIVE: This analysis outlines the financial outcomes of the City of Sedro-Woolley hypothetically moving from a "compulsory and universal" utility service to a voluntary utility service.

Amounts referenced below are 2022 actual revenue and expenditures, with the exception of recycling expenditures. Actual 2022 recycling expenditures are much lower due to Waste Management's untimely billing.

SUMMARY: In 2022, recycling resulted in a deficit of \$309,122 primarily due to allocated expenditures of the entire solid waste program. If recycling was voluntary, the City could potentially no longer collect recycling revenue of \$418,915, would save \$71,380 in dumping fees, and the allocated recycling expenditures would shift to garbage. This could result in an estimated annual **decrease of \$347,535 in the solid waste program.**

An estimated **79.46% of residents would need to participate in a voluntary recycling program** to breakeven with the City's universal recycling service.

RCW REFERENCES: 70A.205.045 (6) "A comprehensive waste reduction and recycling element that, in accordance with the priorities established by RCW 70A.205.005, provides programs that (a) reduce the amount of waste generated, (b) provide incentives and mechanisms, for source separation, and (c) establish recycling opportunities for the sources separated waste."

"(7) The waste reduction and recycling element shall include the following: (a)(i)... In urban areas, these programs shall include collection of source separated recyclable materials from single and multiple-family residences, unless the department approves an alternative program, according to the criteria in the planning guidelines."

STAFF COMMENTS: From a financial perspective, Finance Director Kelly Kohnken recommends continuing the existing recycling program. This analysis does not include the additional expense of a recycle yard attendant. Solid Waste Supervisor Leo Jacobs, noted "We cannot reduce staff, we will still have to pick up that material (recycling) from the residents." Leo also noted the City could not eliminate a truck and the related maintenance.

2022: GARBAGE, RECYCLING, YARDWASTE				
Description	Garbage	Recycling	Yardwaste	Total
Revenue	2,462,165	418,915	181,001	3,062,081
Allocated Revenue	106,841	50,609	11,246	168,696
Expenditures	761,230	159,213	55,326	975,769
Allocated Expenditures	1,307,691	619,432	137,652	2,064,775
Surplus (Deficit)	500,085	(309,122)	(731)	190,233

2022: GARBAGE, YARDWASTE, NO RECYCLING				
Description	Garbage	Recycling	Yardwaste	Total
Revenue	2,462,165	-	181,001	2,643,166
Allocated Revenue	157,450	-	11,246	168,696
Expenditures	761,230	-	55,326	816,556
Allocated Expenditures	1,927,123	-	137,652	2,064,775
Recycling Tonnage at Garbage Price	87,833	-	-	87,833
Surplus (Deficit)	(156,572)	-	(731)	(157,302)

REDUCTION WITH NO RECYCLING		BreakEven with Mandatory Service	
Forfeited Revenue	(418,915)	Percentage	79.46%
Reduced Expenditures	71,380	Revenue	332,870
Net	(347,535)	Reduced Expend	14,661
		Total	347,532