



City of Leavenworth
100 N. 5th Street
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 6:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER – Pledge of Allegiance Followed by Silent Meditation

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Proclamations: (pg. 02)
 - a. National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - b. Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - c. National Library Week
 - d. National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes:

2. Minutes from March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting **Action:** Motion (pg. 06)

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment: (i.e. Items not listed on the agenda or receipt of petitions)-Public comment is limited to 2-3 minutes and no action will be taken by the Commission on public comment items - Please state your name and address. A signup sheet will be provided in the commission chambers for anyone wishing to speak.

General Items:

3. Mayor's Appointments **Action:** Motion (pg. 11)
4. Consider Cereal Malt Beverage License for Bill's on 4th at 2205 South 4th Street, #2 **Action:** Motion (pg. 12)

Staff Report:

- Public Comment/Interaction During Meetings Discussion (pg. 13)
- Solid Waste Update and Discussion (pg. 15)

Consent Agenda:

Claims for March 21, 2025 through April 3, 2025, in the amount of \$1,712,487.75; Net amount for Payroll #6 effective March 21, 2025, in the amount of \$436,381.39 (Includes Police & Fire Pension in the amount of \$7,753.58).

Action: Motion

Other:

Adjournment

Action: Motion

City of Leavenworth, Kansas



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotion, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and*

WHEREAS, *protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotion and developmental well-being of children; and*

WHEREAS, *effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies and families; and*

WHEREAS, *we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable and nurturing environment; and*

WHEREAS, *prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Holly Pittman, Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas hereby proclaim April 2025 as:*

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I set my hand and have affixed the Great Seal of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas this eight day of April in the year of two-thousand and twenty-five.*

Holly Pittman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC, City Clerk

City of Leavenworth, Kansas



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *sexual violence is a widespread, preventable, public health problem, and the problem crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *sexual violence is any sexual act that is perpetrated against someone's will, which includes sexual assault, rape, unwanted touching, threatened sexual violence, and verbal sexual harassment: all types of sexual violence involve victims who do not consent, are unable to consent, or refuse to allow the act; and*
- WHEREAS,** *over half of women and nearly 1 in 3 men, experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetimes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *One incident of rape is reported to Kansas law enforcement every 7 hours, 19 minutes, 6 seconds; over 5,300 people receive services for sexual assault from Kansas victim advocacy organizations each year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *these statistics do not represent the true prevalence of sexual violence due to underreporting; and*
- WHEREAS,** *victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, with access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing so that they can; and*
- WHEREAS,** *it is important we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence; and*
- WHEREAS,** *we encourage victims to seek free and confidential assistance from the Alliance Against Family Violence Hotline (913-675-7217)*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Holly Pittman, Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas hereby proclaim April 2025 to be:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and have affixed the Great Seal of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas this eighth day of April in the year of two-thousand and twenty-five.

Holly Pittman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC, City Clerk

City of Leavenworth, Kansas



Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through story times, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Drawn to the Library**”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Holly Pittman, Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2025 as:

National Library Week

During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

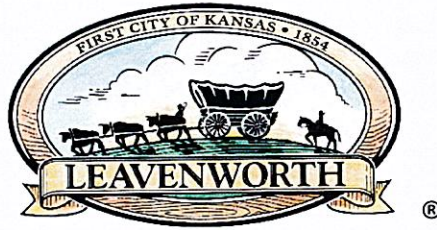
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas this eighth day of April in the year of two-thousand and twenty-five.

Holly Pittman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC, City Clerk

City of Leavenworth, Kansas



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *emergencies that require police, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time; and*
- WHEREAS,** *when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Leavenworth emergency communications center; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Leavenworth Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and*
- WHEREAS,** *each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Holly Pittman, Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2025 as:*

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

In honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I set my hand and have affixed the Great Seal of the City of Leavenworth, Kansas this eighth day of April in the year of two-thousand and twenty-five.*

Holly Pittman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC, City Clerk



CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
100 N. 5th Street
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

City Commission Regular Meeting
Commission Chambers
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The Governing Body met for a regular meeting and the following commission members were present in the commission chambers: Mayor Holly Pittman, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Bauder, Commissioners Griff Martin, Jermaine Wilson and Edd Hingula (arrived at 6:10 p.m.).

Staff members present: City Manager Scott Peterson, Assistant City Manager Penny Holler, Parks & Recreation Director Steve Grant, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director Brian Bailey, Public Works Director Brian Faust, Leavenworth Housing Authority Section Eight Coordinator Patrick Tooley, City Attorney David E. Waters and City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner.

Mayor Pittman asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by silent meditation.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day – Mayor Pittman read the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by Lynn Rolf and Vietnam Veterans in attendance were recognized.

Barbershop Harmony Month – Mayor Pittman read the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by The Cody Choraliers who then performed a song.

Fair Housing Month – Mayor Pittman read the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by Leavenworth Housing Authority Section Eight Coordinator Patrick Tooley.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Wilson moved to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2025 regular meeting and March 18, 2025 special meeting. Commissioner Hingula seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment: *(Public comment on non-agenda items or receipt of petitions- limited to 2-3 minutes)*

Jimbo Gillcrist, 6152 Locust St., KCMO:

- Opposes ICE Detention Center in Leavenworth
- Urges City to pursue legal action against CoreCivic

Marcia Levering, 2008 S. Broadway St.:

- Worked at CoreCivic for 10 months
- Mentioned inadequacies and deficiencies within the facility
- Stated she was assaulted while working at the facility
- Continues to heal from injuries sustained

- Doesn't feel CoreCivic should be allowed to re-open

Jake Seurer, 600 E 8th St, KCMO:

- Urges City to pursue legal action against CoreCivic if CoreCivic ignores City Ordinances

Doug Kinney, 555 Main St., Lansing, KS:

- Uses airport in Leavenworth
- Mentioned lack of credit card machine at airport for fueling

Kat Barrow, 5216 Neiman Rd., Shawnee, KS:

- Stated opposition of ICE Detention Center and CoreCivic
- Urges City to oppose CoreCivic and pursue legal action against CoreCivic if they circumvent the law

Rick Hammett, 220 Fawn Valley, Lansing, KS:

- Mentioned CoreCivic bypassing the Special Use Permit process
- Trusts this action will not go unanswered by the City

Ashley Hernandez, 1127 Metropolitan Ave.:

- Asks the City to stop CoreCivic and the ICE Detention Center
- Feel the facility will hurt our city
- As a private company, CoreCivic wouldn't be held to the same standards and could sweep issues under the rug

Sister Jean Anne Panisko, 4200 S 4th St.:

- AIR stands opposed to any and all ICE Detention Centers
- Urges City to pursue legal action against CoreCivic if they don't get the Special Use Permit
- A for-profit prison is against our core values in this community
- 1,567 people across the region oppose any CoreCivic and ICE Detention Center

Louis Klemp Jr., 1816 Pine Ridge Dr.:

- Discussed safety on our roadways
- Too much speeding
- Needs to see our laws enforced, we have good laws

William Rogers, 7362 Yecker Ave., KCKS:

- Discussed a police report in a packet of documents he provided the Commission
- Mentioned police reports from 2017 to 2021 he received from a KORA request
- Discussed greed in relation to CoreCivic

Esmie Tseng, 30025 W 86th St, DeSoto, KS:

- Is the Communications Director at the ACLU of Kansas
- CoreCivic has been a site of concern
- In 2021, ALCU was flooded with complaints
- CoreCivic speaks of partnership but circumvents the Special Use Permit process with the City
- Urges City declares to CoreCivic that we are not disposable

Sherry Brune, 2106 S 5th St.:

- Opposes CoreCivic and wants the City to stop it

Corliss Jacobs, 20745 College, Olathe, KS:

- Many good points have been made this evening
- The community has stated they don't want this
- Feels for-profit prisons are against our values
- Opposes private prisons and ICE Detention Centers

Judy Ancel, 4014 Metropolitan, KCKS:

- Actions of this commission impacts other cities and states
- Feels the ICE Detention Center is a political issue
- Discussed immigration issues and illegal entry/re-entry
- ICE isn't only rounding up criminals, they are rounding up anyone
- Don't permit this human rights violation, don't be complicit

Bids, Contracts and Agreements:

Consider Approval of KDOT Agreement for the Downtown ADA Intersection Ramp Project – Public Works Director Brian Faust presented for consideration approval of the agreement with KDOT for the Downtown ADA Ramp Project that is funded through the KDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program. The City submitted our project to KDOT for the Fiscal Year 2026 TA Program. In October 2024, the City was notified that the project was awarded \$629,750 in funding. While the City will be paying for the design, construction costs are covered at 100%, no matching funds required. The City received the official agreement from KDOT for this funding that needs to be signed by the Mayor.

Commissioner Martin moved to authorize the Mayor to sign KDOT Agreement No. 117-25 for the ADA Downtown Intersection Ramp Project. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

Consider Award of Bid for Riverfront Community Center Elevator Modernization Project – Parks & Recreation Director Steve Grant presented for consideration approval of the bid for the modernization of the elevator at the Riverfront Community Center. The Riverfront Community Center was renovated and opened in 1988. At that time an elevator was installed as part of the renovations. Most of the mechanical equipment associated with the elevator is the original equipment and is in need of upgrading and replacement. Replacement parts have become difficult to locate due to the age of the elevator. Additionally the electronic controller that is the brains of the operation is unable to be replaced should it fail. A bid package was developed for the modernization of the elevator. There is \$168,720.00 allocated in the 2025 CIP for this project.

Commissioner Hingula moved to approve the bid for modernization of the elevator at the Riverfront Community Center with TK Elevator Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$168,720.00. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

Consider Approval of Purchase of a New Truck for the Leavenworth Housing Authority – Leavenworth Housing Authority Section Eight Coordinator Patrick Tooley presented for approval the purchase of a new truck for the Leavenworth Housing Authority. The City of Leavenworth is consolidating its Enterprise Fleet of vehicles in order to save money. The Leavenworth Housing Authority has volunteered to return their vehicle to Enterprise and will purchase a vehicle instead. Proposals were received by the Housing Manager for a new 2024 Ford F-150 truck. Procedure was performed in accordance with HUD's procurement policy. There are sufficient funds in the Public Housing and Section Eight Programs for the purchase.

Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 from Victory Ford, in an amount not to exceed \$53,190.00. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Martin moved to approve claims for March 7, 2025, through March 20, 2025, in the amount of \$2,028,446.19; Net amount for Payroll #5 effective March 7, 2025, in the amount of \$425,590.46 (No Police & Fire Pension). Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session – Consultation with the City Attorney on zoning matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with possible action by the City Commission in open session to follow – Mayor Pittman moved to recess into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of *discussing zoning matters in consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)2*. The City Commission, City Manager and City Attorney will be present. The open meeting will resume in the City Commission Chambers at 7:27 p.m. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

The City Commission returned to open session at 7:27 p.m.

Attorney Waters presented Resolution No. B-2394, which affirms the City's rights and obligations to protect the public health, safety and welfare through its zoning powers, and to formally confirm the City's position that the reopening of the CoreCivic facility is no longer a legal non-conforming use or a special use, due to its closure and abandonment of operations for over 36 months. Any such reopening does require the issuance of a special use permit under the City's Development Regulations, and CoreCivic must go through the proper processes required under Kansas and City law.

Commissioner Hingula moved the Governing Body adopt Resolution No. B-2394. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pittman declared the motion carried 5-0.

Other:

City Manager Scott Peterson:

- County has reached out about a joint meeting between the City and County

Commissioner Hingula:

- Have a good week

Commissioner Wilson:

- Have a good week, God bless

Mayor Pittman:

- Thanked everyone for coming out this evening
- Really enjoyed the barbershop quartet

Adjournment:

Commissioner Hingula moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Time Meeting Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by City Clerk Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

APRIL 8, 2025

Mayor Pittman

"Move to

*Appoint to the **Convention & Tourism Committee** John P. Hutchinson to an unexpired term ending January 31, 2027;*

*Appoint to the **Leavenworth Planning Commission** Dennis Hund to an unexpired term ending May 1, 2027;*

*Reappoint to the **Leavenworth Preservation Commission** Kenneth Bateman and Sherry Hines-Whitson to terms ending May 1, 2028;*

*Appoint to the **Library Board** Rebecca Kellogg to an unexpired term ending April 30, 2028 and appoint Melissa Davis and Erin Sack to terms ending April 30, 2029*

Requires a second and vote by the Governing Body.

POLICY REPORT
CONSIDER CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR
BILL'S ON 4th AT 2205 SOUTH 4th ST #2

APRIL 8, 2025

Prepared by:


Sarah Bodensteiner, CMC
City Clerk

Reviewed by:



Scott Peterson
City Manager

ISSUE:

Consider approving the issuance of a 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License to Bill's on 4th, located at 2205 South 4th St., #2.

BACKGROUND:

Bill's on 4th, a new restaurant, has submitted an application for an on premise consumption Cereal Malt Beverage License for their location in town. The Police Department has reviewed and approved the application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approving the issuance of the CMB license.

ACTION:

Motion to approve the issuance of a 2025 on premise consumption Cereal Malt Beverage License for Bill's on 4th, located at 2205 South 4th St., #2.

POLICY REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT/INTERACTION DURING MEETINGS DISCUSSION

April 8, 2025

Prepared By:



Scott Peterson
City Manager

ITEM:

Staff will lead a discussion with the City Commission regarding public comment and input at City Commission Meetings.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has recently received requests from commissioners to look into how the City handles public comment during regular City Commission meetings. We have also had a couple of moments in recent months where members of the public addressed the City Commission or staff during public comment and expected a response. These members of the public became frustrated when they did not receive any interaction from the Commission or Staff in the moment.

Prior to my arrival, the Mayor read the following language at the beginning of a City Commission meeting's public comment portion:

"Public Comment: (i.e. Items not listed on the agenda or receipt of petitions)-Public comment is limited to 2-3 minutes and no action will be taken by the Commission on public comment items - Please state your name and address. A signup sheet will be provided in the commission chambers for anyone wishing to speak"

Due to the previously mentioned moments of confusion among the public and commission, I have since asked the Mayor to read the following language prior to the public comment portion of the meeting:

"Public Comment: (i.e. items not listed on the agenda or receipt of petitions) Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. In the interest of time, we ask that groups wishing to speak limit their public comment to one presenter. This is an opportunity for the City Commission to hear the thoughts of the public prior to conducting official City business. The Mayor, City Commission, and City staff have been asked not to respond to those giving public comment, and no action will be taken by the Commission on public comment items. The Mayor may direct staff to follow-up with specific individuals after the meeting. When speaking, please state your name and address. A signup sheet will be provided in the commission chambers for anyone wishing to speak."

This language, while somewhat lengthy, appears to at least have addressed the issue of members of the public expecting some kind of a response from the Commission or staff. There are still a couple of items that the City Commission can consider to ensure an optimum public comment experience:

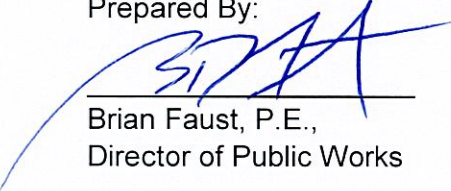
1. **Time limit-** is three minutes sufficient for a member of the public to provide comment?

2. **Group time limit-** we currently ask that groups only have one representative come up to speak to allow for time. Should representatives for groups be given additional time to speak beyond that allowed for an individual?
3. **Public Comment during items on the current agenda-** the officially designated public comment portion of the agenda only addresses members of the public wishing to speak on items not on the current agenda. The City does not specifically provide opportunities for members of the public to provide comment on items that are on the current agenda, although traditionally the Mayor has allowed members to comment when those agenda items are up for consideration. The Commission could consider providing clarity to the City's policy regarding when public comment will be allowed for items actually on the present agenda.
4. **Official City Policy-** The City does not have an actual written policy for public comment. The Commission could also consider whether they want staff to put together a proposal for a written policy, or if the language the Mayor reads at the beginning of the meeting is sufficient.

POLICY REPORT PWD NO. 25-22
SOLID WASTE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

April 8, 2025

Prepared By:



Brian Faust, P.E.,
Director of Public Works

Reviewed By:



Scott Peterson,
City Manager

ITEM:

Staff will provide an update on Refuse collection and ask the Commission for guidance on the future of this service.

DISCUSSION:

The City began enforcing new regulations regarding trash collection on July 31, 2023. These changes occurred after the delivery of poly-carts and per recommendations from the Solid Waste Citizen's Task Force that were approved by the City Commission. The major changes were:

- Residents received a poly-cart (either 65- or 95-gallon) for their use. Residents had the option to opt out if they chose to.
- City would no longer provide trash bags.
- Residents could use the poly-cart and/or bags.
- The City would no longer pick up loose items (boxes/etc.).
- Large-item pickup would occur on Fridays with a limit of 2 items once/month per property.

Despite the changes, on-time residential collection has struggled. There are weeks when daily pickups are on time; however, there have been numerous occasions when pickup does not occur on the scheduled day. Usually the trash is collected the next day, but sometimes pickup may be delayed even longer.

There are a number of factors for these delays:

- Weather – during significant winter events there were days that trash was not collected.
- Snow piled along the curb and narrow streets where plowed-in vehicles slowed collection.
- Holidays
- Equipment failures. While we have 6 trucks in the fleet, there are days when multiple trucks are out of service. Trash routes are hard on equipment – running 10 hours/day, constant start and stops, then highway miles to Shawnee and back.
- Staffing issues. At times we do not have enough drivers, but we have plenty of collectors and laborers. At other times we have enough drivers, but no one on the back of the truck.
- The majority of time we are not allowed to use the County's transfer station so trucks have to make the 2-hour round trip to the Shawnee landfill.
- While we are doing everything we can to make sure everyone knows the rules and that residents have options such as free first Saturdays and our recycling center, some properties haven't got the message. Some truly appear unaware of the changes while others appear to be 'working' the system to have any and everything collected. Staff is working through these challenges, but change can be difficult.

Examples of what crews see each day.



The Good



The Bad



The Ugly

The two options for trash service moving forward are:

1) Keep this a City service.

- a. Keep funding and staffing at the current level. Continue to educate residents on what is and is not permitted with residential collection. At this point, staff feels that there will be only limited, if any, improvement in service. A local transfer station would help.
- b. Keep funding and staffing at the current level, but go to either biweekly collection or limit to poly-cart only or a hard limit on the number of bags.
- c. Provide additional staffing and equipment.
 - i. Maintaining full crews each day is challenging. Between injuries, sick days, no-calls, etc., it's rare that a week goes by with adequate staff.
 - ii. We need 5 trucks running at all times – 4 on routes and 1 empty so drivers can stay on the route while empties are shuttled to the landfill. There will need to be a minimum of 2 additional trucks and 3 additional staff positions to make this work effectively.
 - iii. The cost impact of this option is an increase in the 2026 rates by 11.3%.
Current cost per household of \$19.89 in 2025 would increase to \$22.14 in 2026.

2) Privatize part or all of this city service.

- a. The City contracts with a service provider to provide all residential collection. The City of Lansing currently contracts with Waste Management for their service. Their rates, starting this June, will increase to approximately \$24 per household.
- b. The City requires each homeowner to contract with a private provider.

- c. Does the City keep recycling and the brush site? What about large-item pickup and free first Saturdays?

OTHER COMMUNITIES:

Staff contacted surrounding communities and is collecting data on how they approach solid waste collection in their city. We will provide an update on information received during the meeting.

Staff is looking for guidance from the Commission as to the future of residential solid waste collection in Leavenworth.