

According to the agenda for the Jet special meeting of June 15, 2010 they were to start at 6 P. M. for the town and for the Utility meeting to follow.

The meetings were held in reverse order holding the Utilities meeting first at 6 P. M. Even though the mayor had just talked to Jim Davis of Davis sanitation on the phone, he hurried the meeting along and the board voted to accept the proposal from Waste Connections before Jim Davis could arrive. The meeting was very short and adjourned before Jim Davis arrived. Waste Connections had earlier been allowed to modify their proposal whereas Davis Sanitation was not given that opportunity.

After the vote the mayor asked for my opinion. I think he thought the vote would be delayed too long if he asked for my opinion before the vote. I said that I preferred Davis and thought they had been unfairly treated as Mike Keller pointed out at the previous meeting. In response the mayor mentioned that he heard many complaints from the public against Davis Sanitation. Between the two meetings, Jim Davis stated that they had received only one complaint from a Jet customer. This indicates that none of the board members had forwarded complaints received so that Davis would have the opportunity to correct the deficiency.

I don't think the board tried to represent the public, but had their own hidden preferences. It should be illegal to allow one bidder to modify their proposal without allowing the others to do likewise.

I believe this bidding procedure was not handled correctly and that this small company was not given a sufficient chance to continue its waste business for Jet. Also this action of the board should be scrutinized to verify that it was done legally.

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