

Cloquet City Council Work Session
Wednesday, August 15, 2017

Present: A. Bailey, D. Bjerkness, K. Kolodge, S. Langley, R. Maki, J. Rock, Mayor Hallback

Absent: None

Staff: J. Barclay, A. Cottingham, H. Hansen

Other: K. Backstrom, J. Domke, SKB/Shamrock; J. Peterson, Pine Journal

Shamrock Landfill Site Tour

Kyle Backstrom of SKB/Shamrock extended an invitation to the Council and public during the August 2nd Work Session meeting to tour the Shamrock Landfill site as part of the August 15th Work Session. Council accepted the invitation and scheduled the August 15th Work Session at the landfill for a tour of the facility giving the Council an opportunity to gather onsite information and for Shamrock to answer any further questions. Shamrock staff scheduled several trucks to enter the site and drop their loads while Council was touring to see firsthand how the operation works, experience the noise of the trucks and any odor. Highlights of the tour are as follows:

- Council witnessed several trucks hauling and depositing various waste products. Mr. Backstrom explained the testing procedure of the waste being dumped and stressed no hazardous waste is accepted.
- The average is 50 loads per day during the summer months but with the current Ashland project, it is now 130-150 loads per day.
- It was noted there was a strong mothball type odor that was present. Mr. Backstrom explained the odor was naphthalene and is not harmful.
- Council was next brought to Hilltop Park and residential area for a different view of the landfill's activity and witness any noise or odor from that vantage point.
- Questions were asked regarding any future landfill expansion, the types of materials accepted at the landfill and possible methane gas. Mr. Backstrom responded by saying there are no plans for expansion in the future, assured no hazardous materials are accepted, and welcomed anyone to review studies that have been conducted by SKB/Shamrock related to noise and gas.

The tour adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and Council returned to City Hall for the Regular Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James Barclay
Interim City Administrator