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**OFFICE OF MAYOR K.W. GASPARD**

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Good Morning Haughton Residents,

In mid-February, the Town posted to our website and our Facebook page about the issue of solid waste pick-up and disposal. Republic Waste informed the Town that rather than renew the existing contract, they wanted to re-negotiate a new contract.

Rather than negotiate with just our existing vendor, the Town chose to send out request for proposals (RFP's). The Town received four (4) proposals by the March 7<sup>th</sup> deadline. Those vendors were Patriot Disposal, Knights Services, Republic Services, and Live Oak Environmental.

In a work session on March 11, 2024, the Board of Aldermen discussed the pros and cons of each proposal. On Tuesday, March 12, at the Regular Monthly Council Meeting, the Board authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with Live Oak Environmental. Their proposal was the lowest of the vendors. They presently are the vendor for the Bossier City and have a large facility on Shed Road.

We have had a very good deal for the past 10 years with our present vendor. But, through the process, their proposal was \$7.58 higher than what we pay now per account. Live Oak's proposal will result in the monthly pickup cost **increasing from \$19.00 to \$21.16**. Just as we have had with our present vendor, yearly adjustments are made based on the Consumer Price Index, Landfill rates, and fuel costs.

Republic will be working with the Town on its exit strategy and the collection of the blue cans. Live Oak will be distributing new black cans. Each account will be allowed one can but Live Oak will offer a seconded can for \$10.00 per month. Their trucks use a side arm pick-up, so their ability to pick-up non-Live Oak cans will not exist. We will do everything we can to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Republic Services' contract ends the last day of April 2024. Live Oak will begin pickup the first week of May 2024. Between now and the time they begin, a determination of which pickup day will be made. There is a possibility of multiple pick up days due to our Town growing. Certain areas of the Town may be designated different pick-up days.

In closing, the Town thanks you for your patience as we make this move to a new vendor.

*The Town of Haughton is an equal opportunity employer.*