

# **LATROBE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

November 12, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Roll Call / Open- **Public Hearing Agenda for Ordinance amending sections 4.13 and 4.14 of Police Pension document and Ordinance amending non-uniform pension plan document with PMRS effective 1/1/2025 for the City of Latrobe.**
5. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2024 Regular meeting.
6. Approval of Fiscal Department Reports.
7. Citizen's Request related to Agenda Items.
8. Committee Reports:
  - a. Public Safety & Fire Committee – Kelley, Vavick
  - b. Finance Committee – Bartels, Jenko, Kelley
  - c. Public Works Committee – DiVittis, Vavick
  - d. Personnel Committee – Bartels, Jenko
  - e. Renovation Committee- Amatucci, Yuhaniak, Jenko
  - f. Events Committee – Amatucci, Yuhaniak, Vavick
  - g. GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels, DiVittis
9. Board/Authority Reports:
10. Department Reports
  - a. Police-
  - b. Public Works –
  - c. Fire –
  - d. Code Enforcement:
- A. **Public Works / Personnel:**
  1. **Motion to approve Westmoreland Transit Authority local share amount at \$1,197.**
  2. **Motion to advertise Finance Officer and Assistant to P. W. Director and public works CDL position.**
  3. **Resolution to Approve the Local Gov. Capital Project for purchase of a 2025 pickup truck for public works borrowing \$50,000 at 2% interest for four years.**
  4. **Motion regarding retirement of Sgt. Derk.**
  5. **Motion on tentative contract agreement with Latrobe City F O P.**
- B. **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**
  1. **Approval of Ord. # \_\_ amending City of Latrobe Police Pension retirement option.**
  2. **Approval of Ord. # \_\_ amending City of Latrobe Non-Uniform Pension plan with PMRS.**
  3. **Review of Fee Schedule for 2025.**
  4. **Sanitation Bids for 2026 motion to award Commercial Sanitation Contract.**
  5. **Sanitation Bids for 2026 motion to award Residential Sanitation Contract.**
  6. **Motion to advertise the 2025 City Budget.**
- C. **New / Unfinished Business:**
- D. Solicitors Report:
- E. Citizens Requests (open forum)
- F. City Manager's Verbal:
- G. Mayor's Report:
- H. Adjournment.

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Eric Bartels, Mayor

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Terry Carcella, City Manager

## **CHARLEROI, Pa. —**

Residents and officials in one Washington County community are upset as trash piles up in the streets.

### **Advertisement**

On Wednesday, the president of the company responsible for garbage pickup in Charleroi told Pittsburgh's Action News 4 everything was caught up, and everything was picked up.

But when our team got to Charleroi, not only did we see downtown dumpsters but also trash cans in residential neighborhoods overflowing. The people who live here say their trash should have been picked up last week.

Charleroi council member Larry Celaschi said, "My garbage has been sitting out alongside of my neighbors since last Thursday. It sits as of today."

Ben Woods of Big's Sanitation said by phone, "Last week, there were a couple issues with weather. I believe everything is caught up from last week and pretty much on schedule today. We're caught up in Charleroi."

"They're claiming that they have picked up the borough of Charleroi," Celaschi said. "You can see the visual for yourself. That is clearly false."

Celaschi says complaints like the trash have piled up since trash hauler Big's Sanitation was bought by a new company several months ago.

"And since that time, we've just had numerous complaints ongoing. They have failed to perform up to their contract," he said.

The Charleroi Council will continue its discussions over whether to revoke the garbage collection contract.

## **Charleroi councilman says trash complaints continue to pile up**

By Stacy Wolford

**By TAYLOR BROWN**

*Senior Reporter*

*tbrown@yourmvi.com*

Issues with trash collection are still plaguing the Magic City, as one councilman said he continues to receive complaints from residents.

Last month, residents and some business went weeks without having trash removed from their homes and storefronts from Big's Sanitation.

In September, Big's Sanitation was sold to Ben Woods of Pittsburgh.

Though the trucks and other vehicles are still marked and operating with the same name, the new company is Earthwise Environmental Solutions, LLC.

Council President Kristin Hopkins-Calcek said the borough had been aware of the issues and was working with the company to make sure problems were resolved.

While some issues were addressed, there are still a handful of issues and a few larger questions to be answered: Did the company breach its contract, and if so, what will the borough do about it?

Sanitation was one of the first items up for discussion on Wednesday.

Councilman Larry Celaschi, who has been vocal about the complaints, said he is still receiving many phone calls from frustrated residents.

*To read the rest of the story, please see a copy of Thursday's Mon Valley Independent, call 724-314-0035 to subscribe or subscribe to our online edition at <http://monvalleyindependent.com>.*

## **Latrobe City Council**

**All,**

**The City's current trash collection contract with Republic expires in 2025. We have reviewed the data, and the minimum rate increase for 2026 would be \$30 per quarter for bag customers and over \$31 per quarter for customers with toters - that's an annual increase of around \$120 per household.**

**To absorb these cost increases without raising rates, the City would need to increase property taxes by 2 mills for sanitation services alone, not accounting for other anticipated cost increases from new labor contracts.**

**Alternatively, the City could bring trash and recycling collection in-house starting in 2026. This would initially require purchasing used collection equipment, but the City could then apply for a SWIFR grant to upgrade the fleet over the next 3 years. While this option would add around \$200,000-\$250,000 of additional income to the City's budget in 2026, it would allow the City to better control long-term costs and provide improved service to residents.**

**Bringing collection in-house is only feasible if the City maintains operations at the Transfer Station. Expanding the sanitation workforce will also be necessary to handle the added workload and deliver high-quality trash and recycling services to residents.**

Attached document will show our current contract with Republic pricing with the City's pricing. Below on the document you will find the bid for Earthwise dba Bigs Sanitation for the first year of service. This pricing listed will include recycling for all residential customers.

**City needs \$163,000.00 to operate and cover any bad debts accounts. We project funds in the amount of \$148,980.00 estimated. This will be a \$14,020.00 deficit to the city.**

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# Current Republic and City Pricing

10.29.2024

Republic Bag Service \$19.26 Per month \$57.78 per qtr  
(includes \$7.04 for recycling)

Yearly Total: \$231.12

Republic Toter Service \$20.34 per month \$61.02 per qtr  
(includes \$7.04 for recycling, and \$1.08 for toter cost)

Yearly Total: \$244.08

City Bag Service \$23.00 per month \$69.00 per qtr

Yearly Total: \$276.00

City Toter Service \$28.33 Per Month \$85.00 per qtr

Yearly Total: \$340.00

## Earthwise 1st Year Contract With Recycling 2026

	# Cust.	Per Month	Per Qtr	City Admin Charge	Total Per Qtr
Bag Service	2250	\$29.10	\$87.30	\$11.22	\$98.52
Toter Service	800	\$35.00	\$105.00	\$11.22	\$116.22

City needs 163K to operate and cover bad debt on nonpayment accounts

2024 Republic Cost  
\$84,000.00 per month  
\$1680 Per month 2% increase 2025  
\$85,680.00 per month  
\$1,028,160.00 year 2025

2025 For Res. & Commercial Payments  
To Republic  
Ests  
Payments  
Res. Month - \$ 59,946  
Commercial Month - \$ 24,058  
\$85,680

City projected funds:  
\$148,980.00 Per Year  
City Needs to Operate:  
\$163,000.00  
Deficit (\$14,020.00)

### **Estimated contract pricing**

On attached document you will find the 2026 total year cost with recycling and without recycling.

This document also will explain the breakdown of pricing increases over the next 5 years.

The total 5-year contract price with options 1-6 included is broken down as a average per year based off the bid bond amount submitted. Copy of bid bond is attached as well.

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# Earthwise Contract Pricing

10.30.2024

## 2026 Total year cost with out recycling

Service	# Item's	Unit Cost	Per Mo.	Per Year
Toter	800	\$26.90	\$21,520.00	\$258,240.00
Bag	2250	\$21.00	\$47,250.00	\$567,000.00
TOTAL:			\$825,240.00	

Base

## Total year cost with recycling

Toter	800	\$26.90	\$21,520.00	\$258,240.00
Bag	2250	\$21.00	\$47,250.00	\$567,000.00
Recycle	3050	\$8.10	\$24,705.00	\$296,460.00
TOTAL:			\$1,121,700.00	

Add Recycling

+ Add Admin fee \$11.22

## Earthwise total contract price Year 1

\$949,205.00

## Expected price increase years 2-5

Total Contract Price

Year 2	3%	\$977,610.00	This is residential ONLY
Year 3	4%	\$1,011,604.00	
* Year 4	4%	\$1,047,191.00	
Year 5	4%	\$1,083,950.00	

## Total 5 year contract with options 1-6 included

Year 1	\$1,736,897.20	Commercial and residential pricing
Year 2	\$1,736,897.20	
Year 3	\$1,736,897.20	
Year 4	\$1,736,897.20	
Year 5	\$1,736,897.20	

Total 5 Year Contract Price \$8,684,486.00

\*yearly prices are estimated per 5 year total contract price given in bid.\*



CONFIRMATION OF RATES AND BID BOND CALCULATIONS

The combined total annual cost chosen will determine the low bidder.

*Just Residential  
Collection  
With  
Recycling*

**TOTAL COMBINED COST Weekly Curbside Waste Collection SERVICES 5 YEARS**

= \$ 5,069,560.00

FIGURE

Five Million sixty-nine thousand five hundred sixty DOLLARS AND zero CENTS

**TOTAL COMBINED COST Option 1-6 SERVICES 5 YEARS**

= \$ 8,684,486.00

FIGURE

Eight Million six hundred eighty four thousand four hundred eighty six DOLLARS AND zero CENTS

*All current  
Services*

**Calculation of Bid Bond**

The Bid Bond shall be calculated on 10% of the TOTAL COMBINED COST for ALL SERVICES 5 YEARS FOR OPTIONS 1 – 6, whichever is highest.

BID BOND = \$ 868,448.60

FIGURE

*Eight hundred sixty eight thousand four hundred  
forty-eight* DOLLARS AND *Sixty* CENTS

The foregoing constitutes the proposed contract price of this bidder and the amount of the Bid Bond submitted. This bidder also understands and acknowledges that all other information which may be required under the bid specifications must be submitted to create a valid proposal.

Date: 10-25-24

Company Name Earthwise Environmental Solutions of PA, LLC

Signature of Responsible Party

Benjamin Woods, Vice President  
Please print name and Title

**Commercial Pricing**  
**County Hauling & Earthwise**

You will find the 2 bids for ONLY the commercial part of the contract. This will include bids from County Hauling (lowest commercial bidder) and Earthwise.

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Also included in is the expected 2% increase that the commercial customers will pay in 2025 with Republic Services. 2024 current rates are shown to see the increase amount.

It is the recommendation that the city awards County Hauling the commercial contract as expected rates in 2026 will be able to be reduced to the current 2024 rates.

# Commercial Pricing

10.31.2024

Bidder	Service Type	Bid Amount
County Hauling	2 YD	\$69.28
	4 YD	\$95.26
	6 YD	\$121.24
	8 YD	\$150.46
	TOTER	\$23.23
	BAG	\$22.27
Earthwise	2 YD	\$97.00
	4 YD	\$140.00
	6 YD	\$172.00
	8 YD	\$199.00
	TOTER	\$43.00
	BAG	N/A

**\*City is expected to have a 2% increase in commercial rates for the year 2025.**  
**If bid is awarded to County Hauling for Commercial the City can reduce price in 2026 to the 2024 rates which are as follows:**

## Expected 2025 City Commercial Rates

2 YD	\$103.79
4 YD	\$136.56
6 YD	\$180.26
8 YD	\$218.49
TOTER	\$28.41
BAG	\$25.68

## Current City 2024 Rates/ Projected 2026

2 YD	\$101.75
4 YD	\$133.88
6 YD	\$176.72
8 YD	\$214.20
TOTER	\$27.85
BAG	\$25.17

### **City cost for 2026**

In this attachment you will find an estimate of cost for the city to run the residential sanitation for bag and toter operation. This includes recycling done by the city.

Cost breakdowns, personnel needed, equipment cost, pictures of sought after equipment and yearly cost.

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Estimate of City Costs for Sanitation. 2026- Estimate of costs.

Residential Bag & Toter services.

2.5 to 3 Staff \$240,000

Misc. Tax/ SS \$36,000

Equip. Costs \$50,000

Landfill /Haul \$74,000

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Maint. / Fuel \$12,000

Admin \$163,000

Total \$575,000 Operations Est. year.

Equipment Costs for 5 year schedule. "Options"

We need 4 pieces of equipment for 2026. All will be part of the SWIFR grant application.

1. Roll Off Truck (for Transfer Station and Sanitation Use needed in 2025.)

Lease "New" 2025 Kenworth with a rent to own deal total cost \$279,600.

Used 2023-2024 unit from \$239,000 to \$249,000

2. Real Load Garbage Truck "New" \$125,000

3. Used- Rear Load with Tipper for Toters a 2016 unit for \$99,000

4. Recycling Sorting Equipment. \$ \$300,000

5. Cardboard bailer / compactor equipment with DEP grant or SWIFR Grant. Cost unknown but a 15% match for funds.

Consolidated Batch Summary Report

Filters: Billing Group: Sanitation, Start Date: 07/01/2024, End Date: 09/30/2024, Batch Type: Pay, Report Type: Detail and Summary, Show Reporting Group Detail: Yes

Totals by Reporting Group

Reporting Group	Total \$	Bills	Pay	Adjust	Penalty	Interest	Deposit Refund	Deposit Transfers	Collected Deposits	Applied Deposits	Misc Cash Billed
Residential Sanitation	-228,914.85	0.00	-228,914.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Residential Monthly Breakdown

\$76,305.00 estimated Monthly Income  
\$55,000.00 estimated Monthly City Expense  
\$21,305.00 monthly difference  
\$255,660.00 yearly



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**Purchase Agreement SQ14177**

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Salesperson  
Bill-to Customer No.  
Customer PO No.  
Document Date  
Due Date  
Payment Terms

Tom Dios  
LATROBE  
12 MO RTO  
September 19, 2024  
September 19, 2024  
Due Upon Receipt

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**Bill-To:**

City of Latrobe  
Scott Wajdic  
901 JEFFERSON ST  
LATROBE, PA 15650-1809  
United States

**Ship-To:**

City of Latrobe  
Scott Wajdic  
901 JEFFERSON ST  
LATROBE, PA 15650-1809  
United States

No.	Description / Serial No	Qty	Measure	Unit Price Excl. Tax	Line Amount Excl.
					Tax
MOD	2025 Kenworth T8800 L7752	1.00	Each	279,500.00	279,500.00
MOD	stinger tail rolloff hoist 75K	1.00	Each	0.00	0.00
DOC	Documentation Fee	1.00	Each	100.00	100.00

We need a signed agreement and completed title information sheet to hold and prep the truck. This is a 13 month rent to own. Premier will apply 25% of all rentals paid toward the purchase price. The truck can be purchased anytime after 90 days

Amount Subject to Sales Tax 0.00  
Amount Exempt from Sales Tax 279,600.00

Subtotal 279,600.00  
Invoice Discount 0.00  
Total Tax 0.00

**Total US Incl. Tax 279,600.00**

City of Latrobe (Customer)

PREMIER TRUCK SALES & RENTAL, INC. (Seller)

*Tom Dios*

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sales Rep \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

(Terms and Conditions on next page)





## 8 Available 2024 Kenworth T880 Day Cab Tractors

Paccar MX-13 @ 485 hp | Automated Ultrashift | Hydraulic Combo Kit Wetline | 40,000 Rear Axle | Air Ride Suspension | Balance 5-year engine and aftertreatment warranty included.

**\$175,500**

[See More](#)



## 11 Available 2023 Freightliner M2 106 Rear Loaders

Cummins L9 @ 330 or 350 HP | Reeving Overhead Winch | Dual Cart Tippers | Heil 25yd DuraPack 5000 Bodies | Tandem Axle | Auto Allision 3000 RDS | Balance 5-year engine and aftertreatment warranty included.

**Starting at: \$229,500**

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Comp  
used

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## 2 Available 2023 Kenworth T880 Roll Off Trucks

Cummins X15 @ 500 hp | Tri Axle | Automatic Allison 4500 RDS | 75,000 lb. Galbreath Hoist |

**\$249,500**



## L5875 - 2023 Kenworth T880 Roll Off Truck

Cummins X15 @ 500 hp | Tri Axle | Automatic Allison 4500 RDS | 75,000 lb. Galbreath Hoist |

**\$239,500**



**UNBELIEVABLE SALE!***New TK1**2*

## 2024 Isuzu NRR 8yd Pac Mac Rear Loader Garbage Truck

Tampa, FL

Price

**\$124,900**

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Automatic

### ABOUT THIS VEHICLE

#### 2024 Isuzu NRR Rear Loader

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#### WARRANTIES

5YR/200K - ENGINE

5YR/200K - TRANS

3YR/UNL - AFTER TREATMENT

3YR/UNL - CHASSIS

8 yard PacMac RLX8 Rear Load Body with 1 cart tipper. Powered by a 215 h.p. 4HK1-TC Diesel engine, Aisin A465id 6 speed automatic transmission, 14,550 lb rears and a 7,275 lb. steering axle. Below CDL Rear Loader! These Trucks are on order and coming in soon! Call RDK today to reserve yours!

Stock photos used.

RDK Truck Sales is a leader in the waste industry with an excellent reputation for customer service and reliable rebuilt refuse trucks and packer bodies. We specialize in reconditioning used roll-off trucks, rear loaders, front loaders and other types of trash, garbage and recycling trucks. If you are in the market for new, used or refurbished refuse equipment give RDK Truck Sales a chance to earn your business.

8 yard

### Vehicle info

Stock	108694
Trim	8yd Pac Mac Rear Loader Garbage Truck
Date in Stock	01/18/2023
Engine	215 hp isuzu 4HK1TC

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## Used 2016 INTERNATIONAL Garbage Truck, Refuse, Recycle Truck 4400 For Sale

Will Ship

\$99,000

### Capital City Truck Sales

#### Popularity Stats

Seen 62 times (last 30 days)

Saved by 1 person

The price has not decreased recently

Example used TK  
w/ tipper  
for  
Toters

#### Description

Will Ship

2016 International 4400, Maxforce 9, Allison A/T, AM/FM, A/C, 127K miles, excellent tires, 20 yard New Way rear loader with single cart tipper. Well maintained, FABULOUS southern county owned truck! \$99000

### Capital City Truck Sales

#### Detailed Specifications

Condition:	Used
Year:	2016
Make:	INTERNATIONAL
Model:	4400
Class:	CLASS 8 (GVW 33001 - 150000)
Category:	Garbage Truck , Refuse , Recycle Truck
Location:	Nashville, TN
Fuel Type:	Diesel
Suspension:	Spring
Front Axle:	Setback Axle
Rear Axle:	Single
Brake Type:	AIR
VIN:	3HAMKSTR4GL738782
Drivetrain:	Rear Wheel Drive
Engine Manufacture:	International

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