

County to continue trash talk

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changed to make it more user friendly, and have some additional help on the weekends.

"If we do this we ought to do it right," Frankenfeld said.

Commissioner-elect Chuck Thomas was asked about his opinion, and he said he agreed with Frankenfeld that he did not want to see the collection go out of the county.

Looking at the figures Rasure had put together he shows total expenses of about \$411,000 (which includes paying the city \$36,000 for the billing and collection). The income from the collection is estimated at \$350,000, and then the tipping fee is added on top for another \$140,000. Added to this is \$8,000 for yard waste collections for a total estimated revenue of \$498,000.

While this appears to leave a cushion of \$87,000 Rasure said that would need to be used to replace equipment and pay for any new building to house the trash trucks.

Thomas said he would like to see a private company come in and do the collection, but agreed that the cost of the equipment would make that quite a bit more expensive for the citizens.

"It is our intent that the citizens outside the city would not subsidize the

trash collection system," Rasure said.

When each commissioner was asked about continuing the discussions Rasure said he was in favor of moving forward. Frankenfeld said he was willing to continue looking, and suggested that the county attorney be brought in to look at any questions about the legal questions.

"I will always continue to look," said Tiede.

It was agreed to have Rasure and Bonnie Selby be the county representatives, and Daniels said they would try

to get another meeting set up with the city representatives to begin looking at each discussion point to draft an agreement.

A target date of December 16 was discussed.

"I think this gives us some wiggle room," Tiede said, "but I'd rather not have to deal with this at all."

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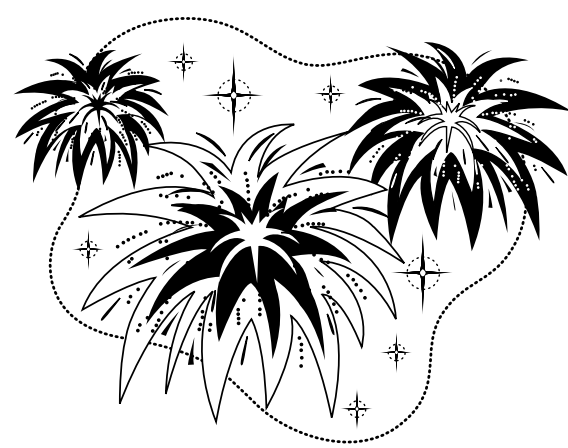
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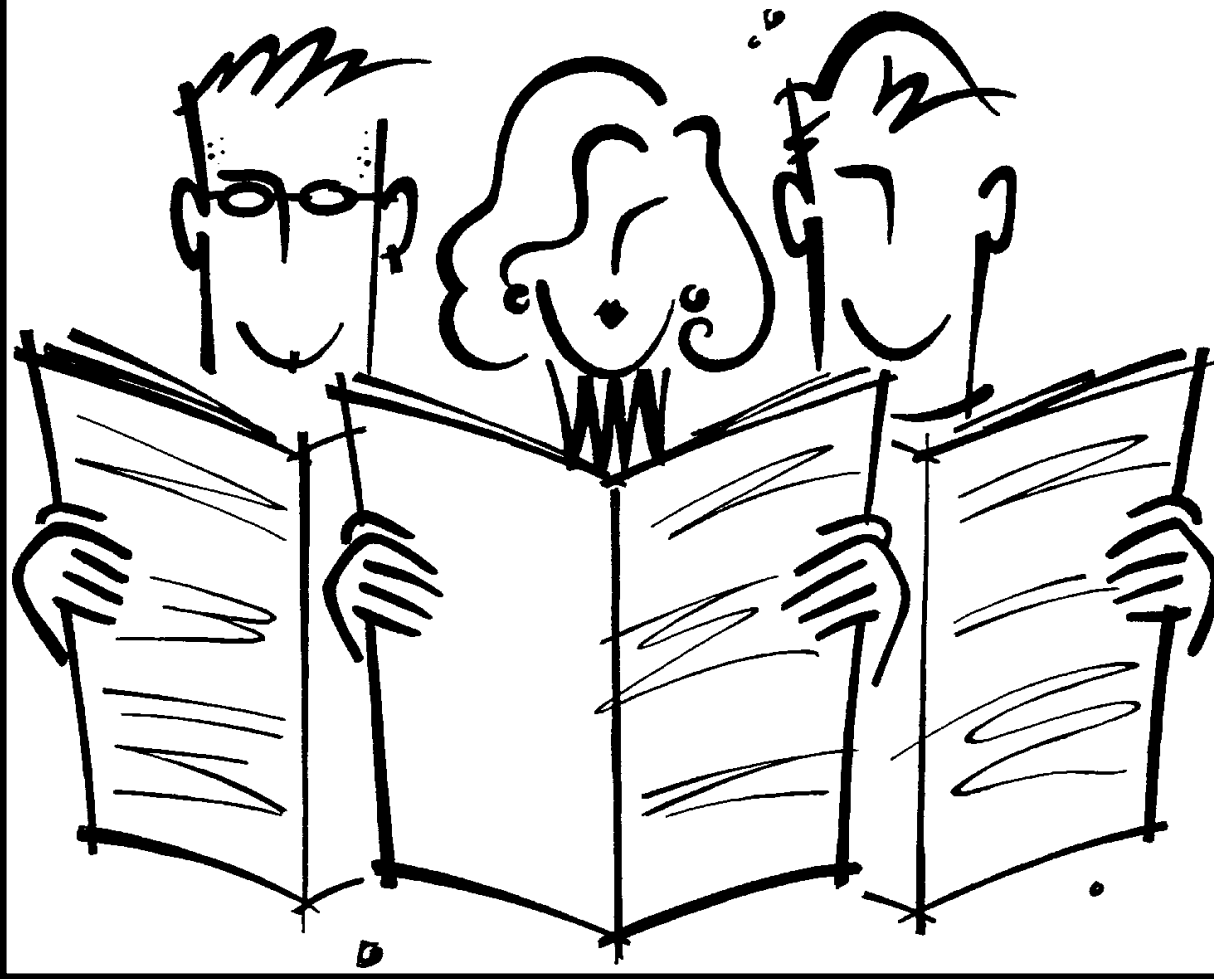


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