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Williston begins negotiations with Waste Pro after 4-0 vote



Howell E. "Trip" Lancaster III (left) and Williston Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat speak before the meeting in Williston on Tuesday night (May 2). Lancaster is the mayor of the City of Fanning Springs, however he was in his capacity as a Waste Pro employee Tuesday night. When Hethcoat and Lancaster were asked to pause for a photo opportunity because they are two mayors in proximity, Mayor Hethcoat mentioned there are times when those two men are at a meeting and there are many more mayors, because it is a meeting of mayors.

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Story and Photo

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WILLISTON -- The four-member Williston City Council on Tuesday night (May 2) voted 4-0 to have Williston City Manager Scott Lippmann negotiate a contract renewal for solid waste collection in the city.

City Councilman Tim Hass was absent.

Two solid waste collection companies expressed interest in the contract. Waste Pro and WCA are the companies. The city has used WCA before and it switched to Waste Pro.

Of the two, Waste Pro is currently in the lead to be the final selection again.

The contract negotiations may show an option where city workers collect yard trash, like limbs and leaves, because there have been some complaints about Waste Pro not doing a good enough job in that regard.

Howell E. "Trip" Lancaster III and Dana Miller of Waste Pro were present Tuesday night at the meeting.

Miller told the City Council that Waste Pro appreciates the feedback about some trash collection being below par.