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Changing contractors for your curbside recycling collection will be smoother than the City's public works department staff originally thought. The quorum of four Burleson City Council members voted unanimously Aug. 4 to terminate the recycling collection agreement with Community Waste Disposal, purchase existing bins from CWD, and approve a one-year recycling collection agreement with Progressive Waste Solutions.

Progressive is currently the contractor for collection of solid waste/trash for Burleson residents.

The good news Monday was that the cost for the existing recycling bins was considerably less than expected. Aaron Russell, director of public works for the City, said "the quote we received from CWD was \$5 per existing bin and the price for new bins (from a company with the state contract for recycling containers) was \$6.79. Staff felt that \$5 was a bit high to pay for the used bins so we were going to purchase new bins. Late last week CWD came back to us and proposed a new price, \$3.10 each for the existing bins. At that new price we felt that it justified purchasing those existing bins from CWD. That reduces the City's cost by a little over \$60,000 and makes the transition quite a bit easier since Progressive would have had to deliver the new bins for us."

CWD's contract ends Aug. 22 (the final week is the week of Aug. 18). Progressive will take over the collection the week of Aug. 25. The original proposal included the City buying replacement bins (13,500) at a cost of \$91,665 plus \$9,600 for bin delivery. When Burleson City Council met Aug. 4, the new price totaled \$40,566.

The agreement with Progressive for the curbside recycling is for 12 months. This is for residential units only. The rate for Progressive is the same as the CWD rate.

Collection days will not change and will continue to be collected after 7 a.m. Recycling and garbage will be collected using two separate trucks.