

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2021 AT 8:30 AM 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Oliver, Morley, Allred, Curtis, and Turner. Councilor Turner joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Police Chief Estes, Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks, and City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Oliver made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

3. Presentation by Jim Hendricks with Smart Earth Technologies

City Manager Streetman introduced, Jim Hendricks with Smart Earth Technologies, to Mayor and Council. Mr. Hendricks presented the SETflow System which consists of remote smart valves with meters using AMI System and Software. Some of the key features of the meters: Ultrasonic – no moving parts, alerts emailed to residents and City Hall, remote disconnection/reconnection, 24 hourly reads, and water temperature recordings. A consumer portal would be available. Pricing for the AMI system was presented, comparing different options which could be purchased all at one time or at different intervals. This system can be tested with a few meters before committing.

Questions were answered concerning how the system works and how it would benefit the City. This system would help the City with water loses and labor costs. Since the receivers are cellular controlled, a system check could be performed and if needed an AT&T micro tower could be purchased for added coverage.

Mayor Steil thanked the team for their presentation.

4. Discuss changes to the Burn Ordinance (05-12) - Chief Tommy James (SV/Scaly FD) available for questions

Chief James was not present at the meeting, so City Manager Streetman went over the suggested changes to the Burn Ordinance. The changes to the Burn Ordinance will consist of stating that the City would be solely responsible for the issuance of burn permits as the Georgia Forestry is no longer requiring burn permits.

5. Discuss changes to the Water Ordinance (11-04)

City Manager Streetman went over the suggested changes for the current Water Ordinance. Most of the changes were for clarification and for the "ServLine" guidelines to be included.

6. Discuss changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance (96-25 and 87-14)

City Manager Streetman went over the suggested changes for the Solid Waste Ordinance. Suggestions were for clarification and to implement no additional in-ground trash receptacles to be installed. Recycle was discussed along with the City's chipping service.

7. Discuss changes to the Fee Ordinance (18-08)

The changes were not presented for discussion due to time restraints.

8. Discuss legal options concerning abandon/dilapidated houses

City Manager Streetman talked about the aging housing in Sky Valley and stated that there are a few homes in disrepair. Negative comments are being received from neighboring residents. City Attorney Kidd gave some suggestions. 1. Clean up the property without a court order if deemed a health hazard under OCGA 41-2-7. 2. Clean up the property after getting a court order and placing a lien on the property, under OCGA 41-2-9. 3. Citing the owner(s) under the City's code of ordinances.

9. Adjournment

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Hollie Steil, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk