

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON MARCH 19, 2024
AT 8:30 AM, 3608 HWY 246 (NEW CITY HALL) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY,
GA 30537**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Allred, McAfee, Curtis, Oliver, and Councilor Turner joined via zoom

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Police Chief Estes, City Attorney Kidd, and Communication Specialist Van Camp

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Discuss changes to the recycle program

City Manager Streetman stated that limited information concerning recycling is in the current Trash Ordinance. The service was initially set up by previous City Council members without specifications in an Ordinance. Currently the City staff is picking up recycle on the same day as trash pickup, allowing one, 13-gallon container. The contents of the bin doesn't have to be sorted as the City staff sorts upon pickup. This is a once-a-week service. The proposal for recycling would be to have a centralized area, location Knob Drive behind tractor shed, that could be access seven days a week, and opened for 12 hours, each day. There would be separate bins/receptacles for each recyclable item. The area would not be out in the open and would have a wooden fence around it. The savings for the City would be in staff time and also would eliminate the need for a new recycle truck. The current truck that is being used now for this service, is in need of replacement. City Manager Streetman stated that he is working out the details on the cost of such an area.

Questions were raised from Mayor and Council concerning if the curb side pickup was going to be eliminated altogether, cost, location, and if this would be viewed as cutting services. City Manager Streetman stated that actually the residents could recycle more as it would be open seven days a week for their convenience. The area behind the tractor shed is being cleared out regardless, as there is a need to do so. Councilor Oliver stated more concrete pricing is needed to help make the decision and Councilor Curtis stated that if the City goes with the centralized recycle center maybe curbside recycling could continue and phase in the center.

4. Discuss proposed amendments to the Trash Ordinance

City Manager Streetman stated the discussion of the Ordinance has been continued from last year when the amendments were first proposed. The right-of way's, in-ground trash receptacles, have been removed since then, at the expense of the City, which will help with the language of the proposed Trash Ordinance. City Manager Streetman stated that with this Ordinance the information will be better define and it will be addressing such items as: yard debris pickup, adding recycle information, and pickup days. Mayor and Council questions consisted of what kind of containers could be used, which included plastic bags. The Ordinance would specify what kind of bags could be used in lieu of a container. The City also offers a

“premium service” for seven more dollars a month and the trash could be collected at the home instead of bottom of the driveway.

5. Discuss purchasing of 300 roll out trash cans (purchase is within Mayoral approval)

City Manager Streetman wanted to give options to homeowners after the removal of the in-ground trash cans. The homeowner could purchase a can(s) at the local home improvement stores or get them through the City. He presented two cans, one was a 35 gallon and the other was a 65 gallon can. If an order is place for 50 or more cans, the vendor will discount the prices. The trash cans could have the City logo embossed into them. Individually purchased would be over \$100.00 but the City could buy in bulk at a cost of \$35 to \$60 each. The decision to be made is; if the cans would be provided by the City or residents could purchase through the City, and the cost could be added to their utility bill. Councilor Oliver thought that the residents should sign up for the trash cans and then the City bill for them. Councilor Curtis asked if a latch could be added to the can and City Manager Streetman replied that he would check on that.

6. Discuss proposed amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Road Ordinance

City Manager Streetman stated that the proposed amendment would be for changing the five year renewal of registering PTVs, to annually. This will align with the change to the Fee Ordinance that shows an annual fee of \$25.00. Mayor Steil stated that many residents have commented that an annual inspection needs to be conducted, on the registered PTVs, as some take off the safety equipment after the inspection. An annual inspection could possibly deter this action.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Councilor Allred made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Fleming, City Clerk