## SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA AUGUST 19, 2014 TUESDAY, 1:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY

## **MINUTES**

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM following a combined City Council and Maintenance and Public Works Committee Workshop.

Those present: Mayor Goodgame, Council President Larsen, Councilors Carr, Greene, Howard, and Whatley, and City Manager Lapeyrouse.

Councilor Carr made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

At the workshop immediately preceding the special called meeting, City Manager Lapeyrouse and Public Works Supervisor Cavalli explained the current garbage collection working situation, which has become extremely inefficient, time consuming and concerning for the health and safety of city employees. The city garbage truck is completely out of service, and employees are climbing into dumpsters to hand remove as much garbage as possible. Garbage collection is taking 3 to 4 days a week and is keeping public works employees from getting other projects completed. Options discussed were outsourcing, installing a compactor, and purchasing a new garbage truck. Staff recommends a six (6) month trial with Waste Away for curbside garbage collection and dumpster service once per week while we continue to work on the possibility of installing a centrally located garbage compactor. Public comment was received from those in attendance at the workshop.

A motion was made by Councilor Greene to contract with Waste Away for once a week curbside and dumpster service for a period of six (6) months while we evaluate and install (if we choose) a centrally located compactor. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Carr.

Councilor Whatley recommended amending the motion to include an option to renew the contract for another six (6) months at the same rate. Councilor Greene amended his motion to include the option. The amended motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Carr and unanimously approved.

Councilor Howard recommended doing a survey of the residents to see if they would prefer a compactor at the tractor barn or at City Hall.

City Manager Lapeyrouse stated that she would attempt to keep pick-up on Monday, but that Waste Away was going to have to change other customers in order to make that possible so she wasn't sure.

There will be no change in the \$12.00/month charge to customers for the initial six (6) month period, and the charge will continue to be billed through the City with the water bill.

Councilor Greene made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to reconvene regular session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to authorize Mayor Goodgame to negotiate the purchase of real estate as discussed in executive session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk