

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
JANUARY 17, 2012
TUESDAY, 9:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

AGENDA

Mayor Martindale called the meeting to order.

Those present: Mayor Martindale, Councilors Boyle, Howard, Larsen, Platt, and Whatley, Attorney Dickerson, City Manager Smith, Chief Dills, City Clerk Cantrell, and Tax Commissioner Mullins.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Swear in Newly Elected Officials

City Clerk Cantrell administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Jim Martindale, Councilors Robert Larsen, Maureen Platt, and David Whatley.

- Nomination and Selection of 2011 Council President

Councilor Platt nominated Neil Howard, 2nd Boyle, unanimously approved.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pam Martindale gave the invocation. Mayor Martindale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 regular council meeting, 2nd Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilor Platt made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Martindale said that Ricky Chastain has the golf course property under contract. Mr. Chastain said that he will be the sole owner and did not disclose if Mike Young will be managing the course. Mayor Martindale encouraged everyone to support Mr. Chastain in his efforts. Councilor Larsen said that he saw an email from Mr. Chastain stating that the City and the POA might be able to take over the clubhouse. Councilor Howard said there are many rumors floating around Sky Valley, but the Council can only work on facts. Councilor Howard encouraged everyone to work together. Mayor Martindale said that Mike Young said the bank is asking a judge to make a ruling on the POA's lease of the pavilion as to whether it is a valid lease or not.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Platt said that she would like to see the Mayor designated as the person to deal with any negotiating, planning, etc that has to do with the clubhouse.

Councilor Howard thanked the Community Development Committee for their work and efforts trying to find solutions for the golf course and clubhouse.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief's Report – given by Chief Dills

Citizen Ben Chitwood commended the police department for their high visibility.

City Financial Report – given by City Clerk Cantrell

Councilor Platt asked for information of hotel/motel taxes collected. City Clerk Cantrell said that the City has not been receiving taxes from everyone that rents their homes as vacation rentals. Tax Commissioner Mullins is researching and sending letters to the owners who have their homes listed online as vacation rentals informing them that they are responsible for collecting and remitting this tax. An updated report will be given at the next meeting.

Tax Commissioner's Report – given by Tax Commissioner Mullins

Building Inspector's Report – given by City Manager Smith

City Manager's Report – given by City Manager Smith

Update on Water System Improvement Projects – RMA Engineer, Robert Simmons

City Manager Smith gave an update on the Sky High water tank project. She also said that the moratorium on building in the Bee Gum Gap area has expired.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review and Approval of Building Authority Draft to be presented for Local Legislation

Councilor Whatley made a motion to incorporate the proposed wording corrections and for the Attorney to submit to legislation for approval, 2nd Councilor Boyle. Councilor Boyle said that just because the Council creates the Building Authority, it does not mean that it has to be used. Councilor Whatley said that approving this Authority does not give the Authority the power to issue revenue bonds without the approval of the Council. Councilor Howard expressed concern with Section 2. (i) giving the authority power to make rules and regulation governing itself and having perpetual existence. Attorney Dickerson said that it is a standard provision. Councilor Howard made a motion to change Section 2. (i) so that any changes to the Authority's rules and regulations must be approved by the City Council, 2nd Councilor Platt. Both motions passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of 2012 Agreement with SV/Scaly Fire Department

Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Set Qualifying Fees for the 2012 General Election

Councilor Platt made a motion to set the qualifying fee at \$15, 2nd Howard, unanimously approved.

- Approval of 2011 audit proposal

City Clerk Cantrell stated that the proposal had not been received and asked to postpone this item until the February meeting. Councilor Boyle made a motion to postpone, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Approval of POA Request for contribution to annual 4th of July Celebration activities

Councilor Boyle made a motion to contribute \$2,200, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Petition to take over maintenance of Bear Trace subdivision

City Manager Smith said that Mr. Croxton is working with Pat and Jerry on some maintenance issues that need to be resolved before the city takes over the roads. The roads in the subdivision are paved but the final topcoat has not been done. Usually this is done after houses are built. They are so steep that she does not think the City will be able to snowplow the roads. Attorney Dickerson will review the subdivision ordinance and make a recommendation. Councilor Boyle made a motion to postpone until February so Attorney Dickerson can review and make a recommendation, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Division 2 Change Order 2

Engineer Simmons presented the change order. He explained that by approving the contractor's time extension, he wanted to add that additional engineering work and inspections will need done. Mayor Martindale asked for pricing information of the additional engineering required. Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Division 4 Change Order 2

Engineer Simmons presented the change order. Councilor Howard made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Summit letter dated 12.02.2012

Engineer Simmons explained Summit's request to not be held liable for liquidated damages because the paving cannot be performed until spring. No action was taken.

- Appointment & Selection of 3 P & Z members

Nominations were given for Barbara Kobacker, Joel Dawkins, Ronnie Higgins, Ray Brooker, Dee Moore, and Dick Parrott. The three selected to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission are Ray Brooker, Dick Parrott, and Joel Dawkins.

- Appointment & Selection of 2012 Community Development Committee members

Councilor Howard made a motion to disband the committee as it stands and to create a new committee for marketing the city to homebuyers, the younger generation, and for the purpose of working with the new owner of the golf course and facilities to make that a good and prosperous relationship for everyone in Sky Valley, 2nd Platt. Citizen Steve Brett recommended revitalizing a Five Year Planning Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

- Set 2012 Regular Meeting Dates

Councilor Boyle made a motion to hold the regular meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM, 2nd Whatley. Councilor Howard said he would like to see attendance approve and he believes attendance would approve if the meetings were held in the afternoon. After discussion, Councilor Boyle amended his motion that the meeting time be 9:30 AM, 2nd Councilor Larsen. The motion carried 4:1 with Councilors Boyle, Larsen, Platt, and Whatley voting yea and Councilor Howard voting nay.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Dick Parrott said that two streetlights were out as well as the light on the flagpole at the entrance.

City Manager Smith thanked him for reporting the lights being out and requested that people contact city hall when they notice lights being out.

Citizen Helen Kleiber said the SWMCF was awarded the Rhapsody recipient for Monday, Sept 10th. She said that Francis Wilson, a new SWMCF board member, is working to raise funds throughout the County. Genesis Fitness Club is contributing proceeds from non-member fees for classes this month. Lulu & Tully's, a consignment store in Clayton, is also raising money. If someone takes an item to the store and says that it is for SWMCF, the store will donate its portion of the sales to SWMCF. Tallulah Falls School is also holding a walk day on March 9th to raise funds for SWMCF.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6). (Except when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee.)

Councilor Platt made a motion to move into executive session to discuss employment, 2nd Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to reconvene regular session, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion that the reduction of city garbage services to one day a week will have no adverse impact on city employees, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA
RABUN COUNTY, CITY OF SKY VALLEY

This is to certify that the matter(s) discussed by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sky Valley on January 17, 2012 were not subject to the Open Meetings Act.


The matter(s) discussed pertained to:

- Meetings with legal counsel covered by the attorney-client privilege when consulting about pending or potential litigation, settlement, and claims. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).
- Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6). (Except when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee.)
- Meetings when any agency is discussing the future acquisition of real estate. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4).
- Staff meetings held for investigative purposes mandated by law. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(1).

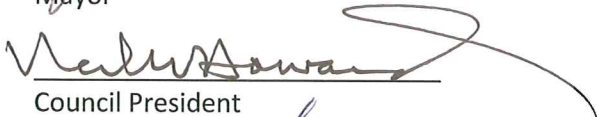
No other matters were discussed in executive session.

This 17th day of January, 2012.

Executed by the Mayor and All Councilors in attendance:



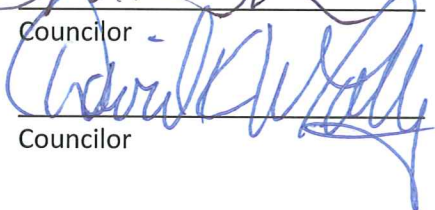
Mayor



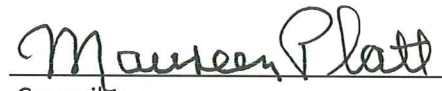
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Sky Valley Monthly Statistics

December 2011

<u>Incident</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Fire	0	2	DUI/Public Drunk/Alcohol	0	0	3
Medical	4	36	Drug Related	0	0	0
Vehicle Acc.	1	14	Juvenile	0	0	27
<u>Domestic</u>			Stationary Patrol	0	0	0
Family Vio	0	7	Traffic Stop	0	33	0
Fight/Assault	0	0	Mutual Aid	0	11	32
Suicide/Attp	0	0	Animal	2	51	1
Death	0	0	Lost & Found	0	0	1
<u>Burglary/Theft</u>			Noise Compliant	0	0	9
Burglary	0	9	City Ordinance Violation	0	0	2823
Theft	1	2	<u>Assistance</u>			
Susp Activity	2	0	Assisting Residents/Visitors	11	36	
Susp Person	0	0	Escorting Visitors	0	26	
Susp Vehicle	1	1	Residential Check	20	318	
Alarm	2	16	Residential Contact	0	1	
Investigation	0	0	Welfare Check	0	22	
Surveillance	0	0	Arrested	0	4	
<u>Community Aid</u>			Encarcerated	0	0	
Water/Tree/	1	62	Total Calls	000	000	
Veh Jump/Uni	2	60				Patrol Mileage 3089

City of Sky Valley, GA

Balance: All Accounts
as of December 31, 2012

Account	Balance
General Fund	
Funds Available	\$838,800
Due from Other Funds	\$152,176
Enterprise Fund	
Funds Available	\$480,703
Due to Other Funds	\$0
Debt Service Reserved	\$160,431
Capital Improvements	
Admin & General Government	\$49,963
Police	\$8,468
Roads	\$189,662
Housing & Development	\$15,000
Water	\$11,547
Solid Waste	\$23,829

**PRELIMINARY REPORT - Does not include all of December
operating expenses or final budget amendments**

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

General Fund

Budget Performance

December 2011

PRELIMINARY

	Dec 11	Jan - Dec 11	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
34.7000 · Culture & Recreation	0.00	24,680.58	24,500.00	100.74%
37.1000 · Donations - Private Sources	0.00	250.00		
39.1000 · Interfund Transfers	0.00	0.00	78,025.00	0.0%
60110 · Ad valorem - property	0.00	946,036.77	948,655.00	99.72%
60120 · Ad valorem - vehicles	1,290.77	7,422.41	7,932.00	93.58%
60140 · Penalties, Fifa's, interest	0.00	17,727.94	14,800.00	119.78%
60210 · Insurance premium tax	0.00	12,757.94	12,300.00	103.72%
60220 · Beverage Excise tax	0.00	360.63	500.00	72.13%
60230 · Franchise tax	0.00	53,113.36	48,800.00	108.84%
60235 · Fines & forfeitures	2,766.59	4,112.76	2,000.00	205.64%
60240 · Business license	357.50	1,882.50	3,000.00	62.75%
60250 · Permits	960.00	18,270.25	20,000.00	91.35%
60270 · Zoning applications	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.0%
60271 · Sales of Reports, Copies, Etc.	23.19	354.54	200.00	177.27%
60280 · Real estate transfer tax	290.84	1,357.71	500.00	271.54%
60281 · Intangible tax	285.50	4,814.95	4,000.00	120.37%
69110 · Interest income	0.00	4,261.03	4,000.00	106.53%
69115 · Transfer from hotel/motel tax	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
69150 · Refunds & Reimbursements	0.00	1,264.65	1,688.00	74.92%
69990 · Miscellaneous	12.01	660.76	600.00	110.13%
70000 · Sale of surplus property	0.00	10.00		
Total Income	5,986.40	1,099,338.78	1,173,300.00	93.7%
General Administration				
510000 · Personal Services	12,884.07	158,021.79	151,470.00	104.33%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	16,088.53	73,405.76	79,505.00	92.33%
530000 · Supplies	2,025.83	38,745.24	44,525.00	87.02%
540000 · Capital Outlays	0.00	11,588.59	10,000.00	115.89%
Total Expense	30,998.43	281,761.38	285,500.00	98.69%
Police				
510000 · Personal Services	21,007.53	272,954.32	266,010.00	102.61%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	584.34	22,110.43	25,690.00	86.07%
530000 · Supplies	1,547.54	24,819.32	27,325.00	90.83%
540000 · Capital Outlays	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Total Expense	23,139.41	324,884.07	324,025.00	100.27%
Roads				
510000 · Personal Services	10,725.84	132,927.15	131,465.00	101.11%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	2,314.63	48,143.34	54,635.00	88.12%
530000 · Supplies	2,013.36	30,774.27	29,650.00	103.79%
540000 · Capital Outlays	0.00	14,518.88	20,000.00	72.59%
Total Expense	15,053.83	226,363.64	235,750.00	96.02%

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

General Fund

Budget Performance

December 2011

PRELIMINARY

	Dec 11	Jan - Dec 11	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Housing & Development				
510000 · Personal Services	2,147.57	20,648.66	21,445.00	96.29%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	16.12	3,138.89	4,380.00	71.66%
530000 · Supplies	112.20	2,010.58	2,075.00	96.9%
Total Expense	2,275.89	25,798.13	27,900.00	92.47%
Judicial				
510000 · Personal Services	167.71	2,077.67	2,000.00	103.88%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	250.00	285.00	1,050.00	27.14%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Total Expense	417.71	2,362.67	3,100.00	76.22%
Elections				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	0.00	646.29	1,550.00	41.7%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	175.50	50.00	351.0%
Total Expense	0.00	821.79	1,600.00	51.36%
Legislative				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	0.00	5,628.80	9,000.00	62.54%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	127.86		
Total Expense	0.00	5,756.66	9,000.00	63.96%
Executive				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	0.00	952.72	3,400.00	28.02%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	952.72	3,450.00	27.62%
Fire & Rescue	0.00	72,975.00	72,975.00	100.0%

City of Sky Valley Enterprise Funds

Budget Performance

December 2011

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Water Operating Budget	Dec 11	Jan - Dec 11	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
34.4210 · Water charges	25,342.17	326,009.90	333,750.00	97.68%
34.9000 · Other charges for services	40.00	281.06	750.00	37.48%
36.1000 · Interest revenue	0.00	2,608.19	1,500.00	173.88%
38.0000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	3,400.00		
39.1000 · Interfund Transfers	0.00	0.00	57,575.00	0.0%
Total Income	25,382.17	332,299.15	393,575.00	84.43%

Expense				
51.1000 · Personal Services - Wages	9,969.23	127,381.38	142,090.00	89.65%
52.1000 · Purchased profess & tech svcs	-2,990.69	42,917.64	47,910.00	89.58%
53.1000 · Supplies	5,188.21	55,093.91	46,000.00	119.77%
54.0000 · Capital Outlay	5,400.00	5,400.00	10,000.00	54.0%
56.1000 · Depreciation	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	0.0%
61.1000 · Operating transfers out	92,575.00	92,575.00	92,575.00	100.0%
Total Expense	110,141.75	323,367.93	403,575.00	80.13%

Solid Waste Operating Budget				
Income				
34.4100 · Sanitation	9,224.00	110,904.00	112,000.00	99.02%
36.1000 · Interest revenue	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%
39.1000 · Interfund Transfers	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	9,224.00	110,904.00	118,000.00	93.99%

Expense				
51.1000 · Personal Services - Wages	5,002.47	56,164.36	71,860.00	78.16%
52.1000 · Purchased profess & tech svcs	2,228.11	27,591.29	34,440.00	80.11%
53.1000 · Supplies	1,141.10	7,708.51	6,000.00	128.48%
56.1000 · Depreciation	0.00	0.00	5,700.00	0.0%
Total Expense	8,371.68	91,464.16	118,000.00	77.51%

**Totals Report For 2008 Taxes
December 2011
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2008 Ad Valorem Tax	1,077,854.78	1,074,516.94	1,007.85-	2329.99
Interest		6,065.20		62.50
Penalty		3,538.36		11.20
Costs		370.00		10.00
Totals	1,077,854.78	1,084,490.50	1,007.85-	2413.69

Collected: 99.78%

**Totals Report For 2009 Taxes
December 2011
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2009 Ad Valorem Tax	1,027,030.12	1,020,562.76	2196.72-	4270.64
Interest		8,080.48		1024.95
Penalty		10,941.31		427.07
Costs		9037.00		891.00
Totals	1,027,030.12	1,048,562.65	2196.72-	6613.66

Collected: 99.59%

**Totals Report For 2010 Taxes
December 2011
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2010 Ad Valorem Tax	948,598.92	936,977.28	317.08-	11,304.56
Interest	5478.56	4,146.02		1,332.54
Penalty	2250.12	1,122.64		1,127.48
Costs	2830.82	481.82		2,349.00
Totals	959,158.42	942,727.76	317.08-	16,113.58

Collected: 99%

All accounts not paid have been issued a Fi-Fa and are currently being listed to be on the next tax sale that will be held the first Tuesday in March 2012.

**Totals Report For 2011 Taxes
December 2011
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2011 Ad Valorem Tax	938,737.03	467,290.73	753.60 +	472,199.90
Interest				
Penalty				
Costs				
Totals	938,737.03	467,290.73	753.60 +	472,199.90

Collected: 49.78%

Housing & Development Departmental Data Report	For month ending December 31, 2011		
	Dec-11	YTD	2010 YTD
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	0	0
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	7	114	143
Certificates of Occupancy issued	0	0	2
Total New Construction not yet finalized	2		2
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	81		73
Notices to Comply issued	2	18	8
Stop Work Orders issued	1	4	3
Tree Cutting permits issued	1	63	71
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	3	1
Fees Collected			
	Dec-11	YTD	2010 YTD
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0	\$0	0
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$810	\$14,487	11,293
Tree Cutting Permits	\$150	\$3,525	3,750
Sign Permits	\$0	\$58	106
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0	\$0	0
Penalties or Fines Collected	\$0	\$200	2,500

Departmental Report by the City Manager

January, 2012



Announcements -

Don't forget that garbage service will be once per week from January – May 28th (Memorial Day). Pick-up will be on Mondays unless it is a holiday or inclement weather.

City Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 16th. Garbage pick-up will be Tuesday, January 17th.

Tax bills have been mailed and are due by Friday, January 20th. If you have not received your bill, please contact Alyssa Mullins at City Hall for a duplicate billing.

Public Works -

So far, so good on snowfall and travel conditions this season, however city employees are prepared to work long hours as necessary throughout the winter season to keep the 53 lane miles of City streets as safe as possible following a storm event. Plows are called out when there is 1 – 2" of snow accumulation. We have two snow plow trucks that also serve to spread chat and salt. We also have the chemical de-icer spray system ready to go depending on the conditions. Main thoroughfares are cleared first and remaining secondary roads are plowed thereafter. Remember... snow removal crews are able to clear the roads much quicker and safer when they don't have obstructions in the roadway. When crews have to move about the city in response to individual motorist situations, the entire snow removal process is severely slowed.

Here are a few reminders of winter road hazards to consider for everyone's safety:

Please avoid parking on roadways or abandoning your vehicle on City roadways when road conditions make roads impassable. In order to ensure that the Sky Valley Police and city road crews are able to keep the roads open during inclement weather, any vehicle that is impeding snow removal efforts or is leading to the endangering of public safety will be removed by an approved wrecker service at the owner's expense. If you are forced to abandon your vehicle, you must leave it where it does not obstruct the roadway. Do not leave valuables inside and have the vehicle moved as quickly as it is safe to do so.

Motorists should make a reasonable effort to remove all ice and snow from their vehicles before traveling. Snow and ice left on a vehicle, in particular on the hood, windows and roof, can become a deadly projectile, creating a hazard for everyone on the road.

Snow left out in the road by homeowners or private snow plowers can be a road hazard. We have all come upon this situation where we are driving along and come across a wall of snow trailing out of a driveway across the road. Snow should never be plowed onto or across the roadway. The proper way to plow a driveway is to start at the mouth of the drive and plow in.

Please do not set your garbage cans in the road, as the plows must work around them, crossing the centerline of the road in the process.

Make sure your children/grandchildren do not play in any large piles of snow located near the roadway. These mountains of snow look appealing to children, but can be very dangerous when the plows are pushing snow. The City strongly urges residents and motorists to exercise extreme caution and avoid making unnecessary road trips during a storm event. Be extremely cautious when driving or walking on slippery roadways.

Use common sense. If it looks and feels unsafe, it is. Plan ahead... run your errands before a storm arrives, don't get out if you don't have to, be patient, and know your vehicle's abilities. If you don't have 4WD or AWD, your chances of negotiating slippery streets and hills without problems are severely diminished. The City crews have 4WD, use snow chains, and still often find themselves in precarious situations. Driving on slippery roads is dangerous and should be avoided when possible.

By working together we can make this a safe winter season.

Water –

Update on water system improvement project to be given by RMA.

You should have noticed with your last billing the base rate for water being increased by \$3.34 to a minimum of \$30.00 per month. This amount is for the first 2,000 gallons of water used. Usage above the 2,000 gallons per month is billed incrementally based on the total usage. This rate increase was the 3rd planned increase necessary to support our GEFA loan and water system improvements. No additional increases are planned at this time. Annual monitoring of water revenues will be done to ensure that the City has adequate funds to operate the system and pay the debt service.

Installation of the new automated water meters and shut off valves has been completed. The new homeowner shut off valve is the valve that you will begin using. This valve is in the box with the round lid. A label with your 911 street address is attached to the lid to help you identify the correct shut-off valve. The city meter will remain on at all times unless the city has turned it off for a reason.

City Ordinance requires that all residences vacated during winter months shall be winterized to protect the plumbing from freezing. Under no circumstances may a water tap be left open to prevent freezing. This practice is prohibited and a violation of water use conservation by GA EPD. Any vacated residence detected using water by the City will be assumed to have faulty plumbing internally. Upon this assumption the City will turn off the water to prevent additional damage to the property and attempt to contact the property owner.

Solid Waste –

On days of inclement weather, the City will be unable to run the garbage route. Automated phone calls will be utilized to keep you informed of these circumstances. Don't forget that garbage should not be placed out for pick-up any earlier than the morning of the service. Animals scatter garbage even when put in the underground cans. Our garbage collectors are not responsible for picking up any garbage that is not properly bagged once they arrive. The dumpster at the tractor barn on Knob Drive can be utilized when you need to take your garbage somewhere prior to a garbage collection day. This is especially important when your garbage contains food items. Recyclables and other household garbage can be taken to the recycle center on Kelly's Creek Road.

With the nation becoming more environmentally conscious, we need to recognize the importance of recycling. By the end of December last year we had hauled a total of 174.90 tons of garbage to the landfill. This year, we have hauled 165.62 tons. That is approximately 5% improvement over the last year and a 20% improvement since this time in 2008 when we started tracking. That is definitely a step in the right direction, however I know there is so much more that can be done. It is essential that we encourage ourselves and our neighbors to recycle.



Reduce... Reuse... Recycle...

Reduce the amount and toxicity of trash you throw away

Reuse containers and products

Recycle as much as possible and buy products with recycled content