

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 27, 2015
TUESDAY, 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 14 Public Hearing

September 22 Regular Council Meeting

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MAYOR'S REMARKS

COUNCIL REMARKS

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
MONDAY, 2:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

Mayor Goodgame called the public hearing to order.

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

Audience – 4

Mayor Goodgame stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed 2016 budget as well as the proposed millage rate for the 2015 Ad Valorem taxes. No additional public hearings are scheduled. The budget and millage rate are on the agenda to be adopted at the September 22nd Regular Council Meeting.

The general fund budget is based on the rollback millage rate, 16.257. He then stated the ground rules for the public hearing.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed general fund budget.
None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed general fund budget.
None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed enterprise fund budget that includes the water and garbage funds.
None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed enterprise fund budget.
None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame closed the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
September 22, 2015
Tuesday, 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall, 817 Sky Valley Way**

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

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

Jane Lively gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Lively made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 28th Regular Meeting as presented, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Mayor Goodgame said we need to add one item to the agenda, a request for a final certificate of occupancy for Tony DeNisco. A motion to adopt the agenda as amended was made by Councilor Larsen, 2nd Councilor Lively, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Goodgame said that we have a group working on Fallfest and are looking forward to that event again this year.

He said that paving is almost completed and striping will begin immediately after the paving.

Mayor Goodgame said that he wanted to address a rumor regarding the purchase of the visitor center. We did not use water fund surplus for the purchase of that building. We used funds that had previously been reserved for a building and funds from general fund surplus. Last year, we had a surplus of \$685,000 and are projecting a similar surplus this year.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Lively thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said that the council can do a much better job with community attendance and participation.

Councilor Carr asked City Manager Lapeyrouse to have the speed tables looked at before the warranty period is up because they are chipping. She asked if we can put some reflectors on the compactor and how frequently it is emptied. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that the compactor is emptied as needed.

Councilor Larsen said the Club is having a Founder's Meeting on Saturday to vote on a change to the By-Laws. They are going to hire additional help for course maintenance next season. Having a well maintained golf course is important and helps everyone.

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

City Manager Lapeyrouse said that the City and the POA are sharing the cost of a Billboard on Hwy 441. The banners are up. Patty Calderone will be painting a mural at the visitor center.

FallFest is on October 17th from 10:00AM until 4:00 PM. We have a cruise-in, vendors, a children's area, live music in both areas. New for this year is a PAWS parade and a Howl-o-Ween dog costume contest to raise money for PAWS4Life. The POA, Club, and Timeshares are helping sponsor Haybale Trail. The Garden Club will be decorating some of the subdivision areas. Mayor Goodgame said the billboard is on Hwy 441 North, 15 miles south of the where you turn off 441 to 246.

Mayor Goodgame said that he and the City Manager are working on a solution to staff the visitor center because having volunteers staff it is not working out very well. The current plan is to move one of the girls from city hall there a few days a week, and we have funds in the 2016 budget for part time help.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution to Provide for a Building Permit for an Approved Zoning Variance

Mayor Goodgame said that Verizon has requested an extension to their conditional use zoning stating that we are on the 2016 construction calendar. Attorney Dickerson drafted a Resolution to extend the conditional use zoning approval until June 30, 2016. Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the Resolution, 2nd Councilor Howard. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that the Resolution allows until June 30 to apply for the building permit. The motion passed unanimously.

- Resolution to Adopt the 2016 Budget and to set the Millage Rate for the 2015 Ad Valorem Taxes

Mayor Goodgame said the Council had two budget workshops and then a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 budget. He asked for a motion to adopt the 2016 budget resolution and set the millage rate for the 2015 Ad Valorem Taxes. The millage rate is the rollback rate of 16.257. Councilor Greene made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

- Water Bill Adjustment – Tanglewood Condominiums

Mayor Goodgame said that we have received a water bill adjustment from Tanglewood Condominiums. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we received a letter from Mims Wilkinson, President of the Tanglewood Condominium Association. She explained that Tanglewood did not qualify for an adjustment through the Ordinance because of their previous water usage. Mr. Wilkinson said that he is aware of the city's policy on water adjustments, and this bill was not due to excessive water usage but was from a leak where tree roots had grown into the water line and caused it to break. Councilor Howard said he would have to recuse himself from voting on this item because he is the Treasurer for Tanglewood. He said the letter states the average bill was for the last 12 months but it was for the last three months. City Manager

Lapeyrouse said that we need to exclude the garbage portion of the bill, \$230.00. Discussion followed about the adjustments allowed by ordinance and reasons for allowing adjustments. Mr. Wilkinson said that the water line was repaired, but that they did not replace the entire water line from the meter to the condos. Councilor Larsen said he owns a condo in Tanglewood so he will have to recue himself. Councilor Greene said he believes that because this was not due to negligence and because they would have been eligible for an adjustment if the leak had gone on longer, that an adjustment should be considered. Greene made a motion to reduce the water bill by \$320, 2nd Councilor Carr. The motion passed unanimously.

- Water Bill Adjustment Request – Johnson, 769 Bald Mountain

Mayor Goodgame read Mr. Johnson's request for an adjustment to the water bill. He said that they did not qualify for an adjustment under the ordinance because they had received an adjustment a few months ago. The water bill was \$4,045.69. Discussion followed about the circumstances of the water leak and the unfortunate situation with Mr. Johnson's parents passing away leaving the house in an estate. Councilor Lively made a motion to set up a payment plan, 2nd Councilor Carr. Councilor Larsen asked what the length of the payment plan would be. Mayor Goodgame said that would be worked out between the utility billing clerk and the property owner. The motion to deny the adjustment passed unanimously.

- Request for Final Certificate of Occupancy – DeNisco

Mayor Goodgame explained Mr. DeNisco's request to not be required to pave the apron of his driveway because his house is located off of a gravel portion of Stillwater Lane. Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the permanent Certificate of Occupancy without requiring him to pave the driveway apron, 2nd Councilor Lively. Councilor Howard asked if we should include that he pave the apron when Stillwater is paved. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that Mr. DeNisco wanted to asphalt his complete driveway, but was told he should let it sit for a year so it can compact and settle before paving it. The motion to approve the final Certificate of Occupancy was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Jackie Bell said that if you have not signed up for the October 4th POA going away party to call her as soon as possible.

Ray Brooker asked City Manager Lapeyrouse if she had found out anything about the chest compression device used by Bradenton Police. She said that she was not able to find anything and that if he found anything to get the information to her or Chief Dills. Maureen Platt said that Trampes Stancil is a great resource in Rabun County and that he would be a great person to contact regarding that. Mayor Goodgame said that we will follow up on it. Ray Brooker said Bill Horton is trying to get some information on the device while he is in Florida.

Laura Gurley said that she feels for the situation with the larger water bill and the family's grief. She encouraged everyone to have a plan for what happens when they pass away and what to do with their homes in Sky Valley. She said that this is one of the reasons she believes our

marketing efforts will help by increasing awareness of Sky Valley and create faster home sales so houses do not sit empty and deteriorate.

A resident said that she greatly appreciates employee, James Holbrooks, for going above and beyond expectations in cleaning up a mess on Berkshire Lane. She also said she loves the compactor. Mayor Goodgame thanked her for her comments, and said that we have an excellent public works department. James is the head of that department, and he gets out and works.

Osman Uzun presented information about Pickleball. There was a recent Pickleball tournament in Hiawassee that had about a \$50,000 impact on the local economy. He said that there are a lot of nearby people who could play Pickleball in Sky Valley, but they do not want to pay to join the Timeshares or the Club. He encouraged the City to work out an agreement with the Timeshares so everyone could access the tennis courts or to install a Pickleball Court by the post office. Mayor Goodgame said that for visitors, the Club has a temporary membership that gives them access to the tennis courts. He said that we have funds in the 2016 budget for potential recreation area in the field by the postal facility. This is something that will be worked on by a committee with community input so that we can do what is best for everyone.

Councilor Howard made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk



SKY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY STATISTICS

INCIDENT	MONTH	YTD 2015	MONTH	YTD 2014	STAT
Fire	1	0	2	6	
Medical Emergency	5	00	2	27	
Vehicle Accident	3	0	0	7	
Family Violence	1	0	0	1	
Fight/Assault	0	0	0	0	
Suicide/Death	0	0	0	3	
Missing Person	0	0	0	4	
Burglary	0	0	0	1	
Theft	1	0	0	4	
Suspicious Activity	1	00	0	23	
Suspicious Person	1	0	0	02	
Suspicious Vehicle	1	00	0	18	
Alarm	0	00	4	11	
Investigation	0	0	1	3	
DUI/ Public Drunk	0	0	0	0	
Drug Related	0	0	0	0	
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	
Stationary Patrol	0	0	0	0	
Traffic Control	11	0	0	7	
Traffic Stop	9	00	2	17	
Mutual Aid	0	00	5	26	
Animal	6	00	2	24	
Lost & Found	0	0	0	3	
Complaint	4	00	0	13	
City Ord. Violation	0	0	0	2	
All Others	0	00	0	12	
Assisting Residents	3	00	1	15	
Escorting Visitors	5	00	0	27	
Residential Check	21	000	000	146	
Discovered Unsecure	0	0	0	7	
Welfare Check	2	00	0	13	
Water/Tree/Infrastructure	20	00	2	50	
Vehicle Assistance	10	00	11	60	
Arrested	0	0	0	5	
Incarcerated	0	0	0	2	
Warning	0	0	0	3	
Citations	0	0	0	9	
Total Calls	58	000	035	419	
911 Calls	00	00	00	67	
Mileage	3773	00,000	2184	29,377	
September 2015					



SKY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fact Sheet for September 2015 Report

Fire:	09/01		Smoke Investigation
Medical:	09/03	Tahoe Ln	
	09/04	West Sugarbush	
	09/05	McClure Ln	
	09/19	Squaw Valley Ln	
	09/21	Hwy. 246	
Veh. Accident	09/07	Hwy. 246	No Injuries
	09/19	Hwy. 246	Motorcycle Accident
	09/28	Hwy. 246	No Injuries
Mutual Aid:	09/08	Dillard	Hit & Run
	09/24	Mtn City	Back up Officer , No one else avail
Complaint:	09/19	Timeshare Office	Subject Bitten by Dog
	09/19		Trees Cut Off Property Illegally
	09/23		Missing Campaign Sign
	09/23	W. Sugarbush	Tree Truck Parked Improperly
Vehicle Assist:	09/06	View Ln	Flat Tire & Jumpstart
	09/06	Timeshare Office	Disabled Vehicle
	09/07	Overlook	Vehicle Assistance
	09/09	Remax Office	Unlock Vehicle
	09/10	Saddleback Circle	Jumpstart
	09/15	Hwy. 246	Vehicle Breakdown
	09/15	Hwy. 246	Assist Motorist
	09/15	S.V Way	Vehicle Breakdown
	09/25	Ridgepole	Vehicle Breakdown
	09/29	S.V Way	Jumpstart
Domestic Dispute	09/09	Hwy. 246	Argument between Family Membrs
Animal:	09/06	Clubhouse	2 Dogs at Large
	09/08	Lost Valley	Dog Roaming in Area
	09/10	Welcome Ctr	Lost Dog , Returned to Owner
	09/11	Front Gate	Possible Rabid Fox , Not Rabid
	09/26	Pleasant Mtn	Dog Running at Large
	09/30		Missing Dog , Recovered

Theft	09/29	Golf Barn	2 Batteries Stolen & Tampered with Vehs
Suspicious	09/05	Post Office	Suspicious Person
	09/08	Breckinridge	Suspicious Activity
	09/08	Cobblewood	Suspicious Noise

Totals Report For 2014 Taxes September 2015 Tax Commissioner

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2014 Ad Valorem Tax	953,344.25	945,193.90	4,782.03-	3368.32
Interest	1632.50	1391.01	0	241.49
Penalty	1396.61	1139.74	0	256.87
Costs	974.00	742.00	0	232.00
Totals	957,347.36	948,466.65	4,782.03-	4098.68

Collected: 99.64%

Balance Sheet - as of September 30, 2015

General Funds	
General Fund Cash	1,045,054.45
Municipal Court	10,228.75
Petty Cash	300.00
Accounts Receivable	4,039.56
Due from Other Funds	35,748.52
SPLOST Fund	350,000.00
Total Assets	1,445,371.28
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue (Property Taxes)	-
Funds Remaining in 2015 Budget	304,994.04
Accounts Payable	127,077.70
Due to Other Funds	-
Total Liabilities	432,071.74
Balance	1,013,299.54
Restricted Funds	
Prepaid Expenses	250.00
General Government (Buildings)	49,962.00
Road Improvements (Includes SPLOST)	299,799.75
Police	-
Admin (Vehicle Replacement)	10,000.00
Total Restricted Funds	360,011.75
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	653,287.79
Enterprise Funds	
Combined Utility Fund Cash	615,476.49
Accounts Receivable	6,701.24
Total Current Assets	622,177.73
Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Accounts	1,609.47
Deposits for Water Service	516.16
Due to Other Funds	35,748.52
Total Liabilities	37,874.15
Restricted Funds	
GEFA Debt Service Reserve	126,555.00
Net Assets	457,748.58
Local Restrictions on Funds	
Water (Depreciation)	77,600.00
Sewer Project	15,000.00
Solid Waste (Depreciation)	17,451.00
Total Locally Restricted	110,051.00
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	347,697.58
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	
Accommodations Tax Received	8,724.07

	September	January - September 2015	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Balance
General Fund					
Taxes	5,165.31	1,001,588.40	988,285.00	101.35%	(13,303.40)
Licenses & Permits	995.00	11,722.80	11,000.00	106.57%	(722.80)
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,616.39	24,696.89	25,550.00	96.66%	853.11
Charges for Service (includes contributions for marketing)	2,316.83	97,552.65	51,200.00	190.53%	(46,352.65)
Fines & Forfeitures	-	5,441.28	1,000.00	544.13%	(4,441.28)
Investment Income	-	1,204.97	2,700.00	44.63%	1,495.03
Rents	1,000.00	9,050.00	12,000.00	75.42%	2,950.00
Refunds & Reimbursements	634.00	8,654.04	1,000.00	865.40%	(7,654.04)
Interfund Transfers	-	6,868.20	435,300.00	1.58%	428,431.80
Total Income	12,727.53	1,166,779.23	1,528,035.00	76.36%	361,255.77
Operating Expenses					
Legislative	-	9,048.29	12,500.00	72.39%	3,451.71
Executive	29.11	2,633.20	4,700.00	56.03%	2,066.80
Elections	-	447.50	3,000.00	14.92%	2,552.50
Administration & General Government	23,967.89	179,536.45	246,895.00	72.72%	67,358.55
Judicial	-	1,038.03	4,810.00	21.58%	3,771.97
Police	35,204.60	220,454.68	350,270.00	62.94%	129,815.32
Fire & Rescue	14,500.00	43,500.00	58,000.00	75.00%	14,500.00
Roads	18,434.42	144,188.61	221,500.00	65.10%	77,311.39
Housing & Development	1,673.98	13,278.61	36,500.00	36.38%	23,221.39
Promotion & Tourism (Marketing)	13,774.47	66,905.59	47,850.00	139.82%	(19,055.59)
Total Operating	107,584.47	681,030.96	986,025.00	69.07%	304,994.04
Capital					
Fleet Vehicle Replacement	-	-	10,000.00	0.00%	10,000.00
Equipment Replacement	-	-	4,000.00	0.00%	4,000.00
Road Improvement Program	169,350.26	169,350.26	469,150.00	36.10%	299,799.74
Total Capital	169,350.26	-	483,150.00	0.00%	483,150.00
Contingency	-	24,810.00	24,810.00	100.00%	-
Depreciation	-	34,050.00	34,050.00	100.00%	-
Total Expenditures		739,890.96	1,528,035.00	48.42%	788,144.04
Net Income		426,888.27	-		
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund					
Accommodations Tax	1,889.95	8,724.07	5,000.00	174.48%	(3,724.07)
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism & Promotions	-	-	3,000.00	0.00%	3,000.00
Operating Transfer to General Fund	-	-	2,000.00	0.00%	2,000.00

	September	January - September 2015	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Balance
Water					
Water Charges	37,312.11	297,668.11	388,000.00		90,331.89
Tap on Fees	-	-	2,500.00		2,500.00
Late Fees, Interest, Reconnect	238.78	2,532.72	2,400.00		(132.72)
Bad Check Fees	-	30.00	-		(30.00)
Other Charges for Service	-	-	-		-
Meter Turn On/Off	-	320.00	300.00		(20.00)
Interest Revenue	87.78	965.50	1,300.00		334.50
Total Income	37,638.67	301,516.33	394,500.00	76.43%	92,983.67
Operating Expenses					
Personal Services	8,788.29	50,568.51	84,630.00		34,061.49
Purchased/Contracted	4,111.40	34,009.42	49,640.00		15,630.58
Supplies	4,051.05	44,896.37	54,200.00		9,303.63
Depreciation	-	-	174,239.00		174,239.00
Debt Service	10,043.95	90,395.55	126,555.00		36,159.45
Expenses	26,994.69	219,869.85	489,264.00	44.94%	269,394.15
Net Income	10,643.98	81,646.48	(94,764.00)		

	September	January - September 2015	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Balance
Solid Waste					
Refuse Collection Services	16,585.64	140,768.89	209,000.00		209,000.00
Total Income	16,585.64	140,768.89	209,000.00	67.35%	209,000.00
Operating Expenses					
Personal Services	6,616.39	49,189.40	97,300.00		97,300.00
Purchased/Contracted	1,753.17	52,710.80	42,425.00		42,425.00
Supplies	389.27	7,323.22	24,600.00		24,600.00
Capital	-	119,849.06	162,024.00		162,024.00
Depreciation	-	17,451.00	17,451.00		17,451.00
Expenses	8,758.83	246,523.48	343,800.00	71.71%	343,800.00
Net Income	7,826.81	(105,754.59)	(134,800.00)		

Departmental Report by the City Manager

October, 2015



Announcements -

Sky Valley Fallfest

Sky Valley had a HUGE turnout for its second annual Fallfest. Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped to make it such a spectacular success. The City, POA and Club had nearly 100 volunteers trying to make sure the day went according to plan, and Kitti Barber had bakers coming out of the woodwork for the Bake Sale. We could not have had such a great event without all of our willing volunteers. The Fallfest organizers will be discussing all of the feedback we have gotten, and we will be working to make 2016 even better.

Sky Valley Fall Decorations

Special thanks to all of our fabulous artists and decorators that volunteered their time and talents to the many fall decorations found throughout the community. Garden Club members, Timeshare employees, City employees and some very talented individuals in this community worked together despite the monsoon rains to put together a diverse fall themed display of hay bales, scarecrows and decorated subdivision entrances. I have seen so many visitors stopping to take pictures with the various displays. Hay Bale Trail has been a great tradition over the years, and I am thankful for those past and present that have taken part in the display. I am optimistic, that in future years, we will have even more interested people join in to make the seasonal decorations a true community effort. Anyone that has an interest in helping will always be welcome.

Marketing

Our Facebook page is nearing 1000 likes! If you have not liked our page, please visit www.facebook.com/skyvalleyga. Join us in sharing pictures through social media and make sure you "check-in" at Sky Valley, Rabun County, Georgia. Also, if you have not been to the website in a while, there have been many changes. Check us out!

Georgia Sky to Summit 50km & 8m Race – Saturday November 7, 2015

This will be the 3rd year of the Georgia Sky to Summit race. This race starts and ends in Sky Valley, GA. It is advertised as the most scenic 50k race on the east coast, with 20+ miles of untouched single track, 20+ waterfalls, 2 summits of Rabun Bald, view of 3 different states with over 14,000 feet of elevation change. Contact Sean@RunBum.com or search for Georgia Sky to Summit on Facebook. This is another great opportunity to showcase our great hidden city.

Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills have been mailed and are due December 20th. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact Alyssa Mullins for a duplicate billing. If you purchased your property during 2015, the tax bill likely went to the previous owner but is your responsibility. Please contact City Hall for a copy.

Verizon Cell Tower



Thank you to everyone who sent in letters of support. We have been heard. Verizon has submitted the cell tower building permit through Towersource, Inc. to the City. The construction of the tower has been awarded to a tower construction company out of Alpharetta, GA called Towersite Services, LLC. Our building inspector is working with this company to get all of the required information and permits in place. The company has reportedly ordered the supplies necessary for the project and will be moving forward as quickly as everything becomes available. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the tower should be operational by the end of the first quarter next year!

Building Inspection/Code Enforcement -

Building Permits

Please be reminded that work done on your home may likely require a permit. When in doubt, please contact the Building Inspector's Office or City Hall. If you are found to be doing work without a permit, your first offense will subject you to a penalty fee equal to double the cost of the permit, a \$50 minimum. The homeowner is ultimately responsible for making sure his/her contractors obtain the necessary permits. Permits are required for, but not limited to, all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, soil & erosion, roofing, decking, stairs, concrete, tree cutting, additions and remodeling. Many repair permits have no cost associated with them but are still required and will still be subject to the penalty fee if they are not properly obtained.

Public Works -

Pavement Resurfacing and Striping

The road resurfacing and striping project has been completed. All roads on the priority list were resurfaced within the funds available. Striping costs will be partially paid with remaining funds in that project and partially through the operating budget.

Leaf Collection

We will be starting our collection of leaves from the ditches along the right-of-way. This will continue periodically throughout the season for as long as necessary. We will also be blowing leaves off the roadways to help prevent them from becoming thickly covered and slick. Please understand this is a never ending process while the leaves are still falling. We will continue working on this throughout the season and into winter.

Tree Cutting/Chipping/Mulch

Please don't forget that any tree with a trunk that is 25" or more in circumference at 18" above the ground requires a permit for cutting, trimming & topping. If you had to obtain a permit to cut, it would not qualify for city chipping service. Contractors are responsible for the removal of all tree cuttings within 14 days. Homeowner chipping service is done every couple of weeks, weather permitting. The City provides 15 minutes of chipping service to every homeowner each month at no cost. Chipping service is then provided at a rate of \$100/hour for any time exceeding the first 15 minutes. Cuttings must be less than 8" in diameter and must be stacked in one direction on the right-of-way, out of the road and not in an area that will block culverts or otherwise impede storm water drainage. We cannot chip small yard debris, vines,

thorn bushes, small shrubbery clippings, railroad ties, landscape timbers, or similar type items. The chipping service is designed for limbs and small trees only. All other yard waste must be bagged.

Mulch from our chipping service is available for purchase from the City for \$25 per load delivered.

Water –

Don't forget that we offer automated bank draft for water/garbage billings. Please contact Alyssa Mullins at City Hall to sign up for this service. Remember, your account will automatically be drafted for the total amount due each month. You will still receive a paper bill so that you can continue to audit the water usage and billing amount each month.

Solid Waste –

The City is picking up household garbage on Mondays and recycling on Thursdays. I am about to place an order for more recycle bins, so if you have not already reserved a bin, please do so as quickly as possible so that I can get a good count. Please do not put garbage out on Thursday. If you need to dispose of garbage during the week, you are welcome to use the compactor on Knob Drive behind the postal facility.



Please note, if your underground cans are in disrepair, you will need to discontinue their use or replace them. We have a constant problem with untied bags and loose trash in the underground cans. If you are using an underground can, you should have a removable liner such as the one pictured here. If you do not have the liner that our garbage collectors can lift out of your underground can, you will need to discontinue use until replaced. This is for the safety of our garbage collectors.

The bears are very active so far this season. 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 compactor 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. NO garbage other than regular bagged household garbage should be put out by the road or in any dumpster or compactor.



Any contractors or residents found dumping lumber, carpeting, paint, furniture, appliances, or any other non-bagged household garbage in the dumpsters or compactor will be cited and fined up to \$1,000. Construction debris and other such items should be hauled to the transfer station on Boggs Mountain Road in Tiger.

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