

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

10:00 AM

Sanitation Committee

Virtual Meeting

Public Call In: 1-662-626-3531 PIN: 275 824 114#

City Council

1. Call to Order*Present:*

*Councilmember Will Carlan
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Brooke Schmidt
Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
Ms. Annie Fortner, City Clerk*

Also in Attendance:

*Mr. Vic Knight
Mr. Steve Edwards
Mr. Walt Ritter*

Councilmember Carlan called the meeting to order.

2. Consideration to Approve Minutes**A. Sanitation Committee Draft Minutes - June 8, 2021 - Attachment 2A**

Attachments: [Minutes - Sanitation Committee - June 8, 2021](#)

Councilmember McGrew made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8th meeting. Councilmember Carlan seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

3. Ten Minutes Public Comment

No comments.

4. Discussion with Current Provider

Councilmember Carlan stated he wished to discuss the three (3) main issues brought up by citizens concerning current sanitation services. The first issue is hydraulic leaks. Mr. Ritter discussed hiring new personnel. It is hoped with this new group of employees that the leaks will be eliminated. Mr. Edwards discussed labor shortages during the pandemic. Operations will be moved into Cherokee County this September which should help operations as well. Councilmember Carlan asked about cleaning hydraulic fluid. Mr. Ritter stated they use a group called SunBrite that uses the most effective material to remove the hydraulic fluid. The material is environmentally safe. Mr. Ritter explained that each sanitation truck is equipped with a spill kit that is used to keep the fluid from entering the storm drain. The next issue discussed was the transfer of trash from truck to truck in neighborhoods. Mr. Ritter stated drivers have been instructed not to do this. Management has met with the individuals of the last incident, and this will not happen again. The third issue discussed was pick-ups occurring after normal hours. Mr. Ritter stated the goal is to be done with collections within the City between 5:00 and 5:30 pm. Pick-ups should not begin before daylight. Mr. Edwards stated a new communications staff member has been put in place. This person will notify the City about any route updates. Hopefully by August or September collections will be back to the way they were

before the pandemic. Mr. Ritter stated once they have moved to their new location it is their goal to convert 90% of their fleet to natural gas. Councilmember McGrew asked who to call for missed pick-ups. Mr. Ritter stated to call the number listed on the sanitation bins. Councilmember Schmidt asked if all residents along a particular street should call. Mr. Ritter stated no and discussed the notification process. Mr. Peppers stated the City will notify the Homeowner's Associations of developments with missed routes. Councilmember Carlan asked about upcoming rises in cost for sanitation services. Mr. Ritter stated they would like to continue to service the City and discussed the rise in recycling fees. Mr. Edwards added there is also an increase in labor costs. Mr. Edwards stated the City needs to decide what is desired such as types of trucks used, back door services, bulk item services, technology, recycling, etc. Mr. Edwards stated the City should also consider the transition period should another provider be selected. Mr. Peppers discussed the City's current contract with Advanced Disposal and stated a Request for Proposal (RFP) process is in the City's best interest. Councilmember Schmidt asked about the cost difference between an automated truck and a two-man operated truck. Mr. Ritter discussed there is a higher cost for the two-man truck due to them being inefficient and having a higher liability. Councilmember Carlan asked about municipalities that split up services among different areas. Mr. Edwards stated he is not aware of any municipalities that do that. Mr. Knight discussed some cities that allow for yard waste or bulk item pick-ups. Councilmember Carlan stated he would like to hear some more ideas and considerations for the upcoming RFP. Councilmember Carlan asked if there was an estimate for the upcoming increase in cost. Mr. Edwards, Mr. Knight, and Mr. Ritter discussed increased labor and operating costs on their side and stated the increase on the City's side will depend on what types of services are put into the RFP and contract.

5. Further Discussion of Next Steps

Mr. Peppers discussed the RFP process and options to be included. Councilmembers and Mr. Peppers discussed the possibility of segmenting services. Discussion was also held regarding raising sanitation rates as presented in the proposed budget. The Committee agreed to submit a letter to the Mayor and Council providing a recommendation to increase sanitation rates. The Committee discussed the next meeting to be held and who should be invited to speak. Mr. Peppers suggested reaching out to property management companies of the major neighborhoods for input on handling their own sanitation services. Mr. Peppers also suggested having Ms. Linda Buchanan from the Utility Department join the next meeting to discuss issues and concerns she is hearing about from residents. Councilmember McGrew stated the Committee needs to discuss private streets at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

Councilmember McGrew made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Carlan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.