

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018 AT TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY WAY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor MacNair, Councilors Durpo, Howard, Larsen, Piontkowski & Wheeler

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Fast and Officer Ronald Baumes

1. Call to Order

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Turner gave the Invocation and Mayor MacNair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

January 2, 2018- Regular/Organizational

February 20, 2018- Work Session

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Larsen seconded the motion and passed unanimously

4. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Durpo made motion to adopt agenda. Councilor Larsen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

5. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor MacNair no remarks, rushing meeting

6. Council Remarks

Councilor Larsen thanked City Manager Lapeyrouse for getting the Auditor to come answer questions. City Manager Lapeyrouse stated there will be a public meeting on Thursday, March 1st at 10:00 A.M. where the auditor will answer questions.

Councilor Howard told everyone good morning.

7. City Manager & Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions

City Manager Lapeyrouse stated reports have been emailed.

PROGRESS REPORT

8. Radar Sign

Mayor MacNair stated we are waiting on the Police Chief to get well and back to work for the sign to be properly installed.

9. Fire Department Lease

Councilor Wheeler stated the Board will meeting in April and we will follow up with David Spears after their meeting.

10. SDS

Councilor Wheeler provided an update on the meetings he as attended and double taxation is an issue.

11. SPLOST

City Manager there is a possible Referendum March 2019. The City of Sky Valley has made their request.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public Hearing for Tree Ordinance

Mayor MacNair presented the following rules:

Intro:

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Tree Ordinances.

Ground rules for the public hearing:

Public comments and questions will be taken one person at a time. Please refrain from all "cross talk" and the rules of decorum shall apply. When recognized by the Mayor, please stand, if possible, and state your name and address. Please make your comments concise and to the point. You will have 5 minutes to speak and be allowed to speak on only once, giving consideration for follow-up questions. I will open the public hearing by first taking questions or comments in "opposition to" either the proposed Tree Ordinance. Once all comments "in opposition to" the Tree Ordinance I will close that side of the public hearing and call on those individuals who wish to speak "in favor of" the proposed Tree Ordinance. When those "in favor of" have completed their comments, I will close the public hearing. No additional comments will be taken at that time.

Opposition

Maureen Platt- The ordinance needs to be scaled down.

Favor

Helen Kleiber- Stated she was one of the five on Planning & Zoning Committee and feels very strong about the tree ordinance. She volunteered to continue and scale down the ordinance.

Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis- Stated she agreed with Helen and document can be modified.

Jim Curtis- Stated the existing tree ordinance is problematic and not specific enough. New ordinance is easier to understand and an improvement over the current ordinance. He encouraged Council to approve.

Robert Smalley stated he was originally against but then turned the corner with drop crouch pruning. The new ordinance is better than the one we currently have.

Mayor MacNair closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to reject the proposed ordinance and no future investigation on the tree ordinance. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion. Those that voted for the motion were Durpo, Howard, Piontkowski & Wheeler and Larsen voted no.

Councilor Larsen asked Bob Powers, Building Inspector if he asked for new ordinance. Mr. Powers responded, yes.

Councilor Howard asked Bob Powers, Building Inspector if had read and understand. Mr. Powers responded, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Consider Tree Ordinance – Planning and Zoning Recommendation to Council

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to reject the proposed ordinance and no future investigation on the tree ordinance. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was Durpo, Howard, Piontkowski & Wheeler yes and Larsen voted no.

14. Contract for Services for the Fire Department

Councilor Wheeler stepped out and did not return until after the vote.

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the Contract for Services for the Fire Department. Councilor Durpo seconded the motion and the motion was approved with Councilors Durpo, Howard, Larsen and Piontkowski voting yes.

15. Audit Engagement Letter

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve Audit Engagement Letter from Mixon, Mixon, Brown & Tench. Councilor Durpo seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

16. Water Storage Tank Inspection

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the Water Storage Tank Inspection in the amount of \$4995.00. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

17. Franchise Fee Compliance- Sky Valley – Truvista- GMA

Councilor Durpo made to approve the Resolution for the Franchise Fee Compliance – Sky Valley-Truvista-GMA and get clarification on the fee they charge. Councilor Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

18. Fireworks Resolution

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to reject Fireworks Resolution as proposed. Councilor Durpo seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

19. Legal Services

Councilor Howard made a motion to appoint Douglas T. Kidd as the City Attorney. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

20. Water Bill – Joe Bradshaw- 156 Ridgeview Lane

Councilor Howard made a motion to not allow any additional credit on the water bill. Councilor Durpo seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

21. Public Forum and General Comments

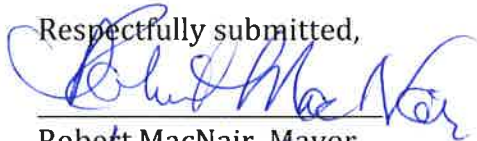
No comments

22. Adjournment

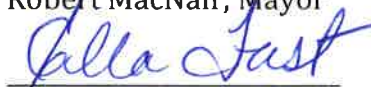
Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Larsen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert MacNair, Mayor



Ella Fast, City Clerk