

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA, TUESDAY
APRIL 23, 2019, AT 10:00 AM (CHAPEL) 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor MacNair, Councilors Wheeler, Curtis, Piontkowski and Barrick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Howard

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Fast, City Clerk Fleming, Deputy Clerk Mullins, Police Chief Estes, Officers Dills and Spence, Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks

STAFF ABSENT: City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of Minutes

February 12, 2019 Work Session Council Meeting

February 19, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to approve the minutes, Councilor Wheeler seconded, unanimously approved.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to add Executive Session for discussion of a pending litigation, Councilor Barrick seconded, unanimously approved.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve amended agenda, Councilor Piontkowski seconded, unanimously approved.

5. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor MacNair asked Helen Kleiber to speak about the upcoming "Wild Flower & Early Birders Walk", which will be on May the 11th. Mayor MacNair asked Police Chief Estes to introduce the newly employed officers – Officer Dills and Officer Spence. Mayor MacNair changed the order of the Agenda – number nine under New Business as being next in order.

6. Council Remarks

No discussion

7. Department Reports

No discussion

OLD BUSINESS

8. Adoption of a Bear Ordinance

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to pass the Wildlife Access Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Curtis. Councilor Curtis made a motion to replace the language in Section 6 of the proposed ordinance, motion not seconded, motion failed. Ryan Watts, with the

Department of National Resources, spoke about bear issues in Sky Valley and answered questions from the audience. After the discussion, Mayor MacNair called for a vote. The ordinance was adopted by a 3 to 1 vote. Ayes - Councilors Wheeler, Barrick and Piontkowski, with Councilor Curtis voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Sky Valley Great American Cleanup Proclamation

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve Proclamation, Councilor Piontkowski seconded, unanimously approved.

10. Municipal Clerk's Week Proclamation

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve Proclamation, Councilor Piontkowski seconded, unanimously approved.

11. Mayor's Arbor Day Proclamation

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to approve Proclamation, Councilor Barrick seconded, unanimously approved.

12. Approval of Fence Bid

One bid was received for the replacement of fence at the Overlook – Franklin Fence, Inc. (\$12,306.00). Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

13. Approval of Police Department Vehicle Bid

Three bids were received for a new Police Department vehicle, cost after equipped (equipment to outfit the vehicle \$5,389.72) – Jacky Jones, Hayesville, NC (\$38,013.72) Duvall, Clayton, GA (\$38,064.72) Smoky Mtn. Chrysler Franklin, NC (\$38,013.72). The decision was to stay with the local bidder – Duvall Automotive. Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

14. Resolution for the Adoption of 2018 FY Budget Amendment

City Manager Fast talked about the final figures for the 2018 FY Budget and answered a couple of questions from Ed Morley. The operating budget was set for \$1,196,000, actual expenditures totaled \$1,124,735. Councilor Wheeler made a motion to adopt the amended budget, Councilor Piontkowski seconded, unanimously approved.

15. Public Forum and General Comments

Councilor Wheeler read a letter from resident Doug Parks. Residents, Jackie Bell and Greg Clayton addressed their concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 16.** To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the city or a city official or employee or in which the official or employee may be directly involved. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2)

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

Councilor Barrick made a motion to reconvene the regular session, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

Mayor MacNair advised no action was taken.

17. Adjournment

Councilor Barrick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert MacNair, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk