

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE)**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Piontkowski

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Fast, Deputy Clerk Mullins, City Attorney Kidd, Police Chief Estes, & Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks

1. Call to Order

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Alpine- Two-way traffic

Police Chief Estes spoke about Alpine road being very narrow and the drop-offs are an issue as the shoulders of the road were not built properly and contain fill dirt. Only one resident is really affected and can be remedied by tree removal. Chief Estes said it is a bad idea to make Alpine a two way street. Interim City Manager Fast said she had been in contact with the resident and she is still out of town but will make contact with her again to make arrangements to meet with her.

4. Bear Ordinance

City Attorney Kidd said he had reviewed ordinances from other states such as Tennessee, Florida, and Colorado to get ideas. He mentioned that the city issues were mainly the bird feeders and the garbage. Police Chief Estes said he had been in contact with the City of Helen as they are struggling with the same problems. He said the bear proof containers are very expensive and the bears can still get access when residents do not properly close the doors on the containers. He said there is no quick fix. Councilor Howard said that educating the residents would help and to come up with an ordinance to comply. A resident from Turnberry submitted a photo of the dumpster at the condo facility as it showed the top caved in from bears getting it the dumpsters. Discussion continued about issuing fines for renters and homeowners that place garbage out other than the day of garbage pickup. Mayor MacNair said that the issues are ongoing problems but to keep trying to work on them.

5. SDS (Service Delivery Strategy)

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to amend the agenda to add SDS, seconded by Councilor Howard, unanimously approved. Mayor MacNair thanked Councilors Durpo and Wheeler for the tremendous job they have done with SDS. Councilor Durpo gave an update as he had attended an open meeting at the Dillard House with the City of Clayton and Rabun County. He said that Sky Valley will accept an annual payment from Rabun County in an amount equal to the computation of one mil of Sky Valley's real and personal property tax with a current estimate of \$60,000 annually. Concerning roads and water, the council requests that Rabun County take responsibility for the maintenance of Bald Mountain road within the city limits of Sky Valley. They also request that Rabun County will follow through with its previous offer to build a salt storage facility within the city limits of Sky Valley. Sky Valley will accept an annual payment from Rabun County of \$74,500 to offset roads, bridges, storm water, and erosion control. Based on the 30 miles of roads in Sky Valley this would compensate the city for any inequities its residents face due to any double taxation issues as it comes to roads. For solid waste disposal the city requests Rabun County to waive all tipping fees. Sky Valley will accept an annual payment from Rabun County of \$13,000 to offset inequities as it comes to the county marshal and \$2,700 for planning and zoning. All cities will receive the same service from Rabun County as Rabun County provides the unincorporated Rabun County. The total annual payment to Sky Valley is \$150,250 plus other goods and services.

OTHER BUSINESS

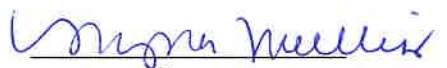
6. Adjournment

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Durpo, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert MacNair, Mayor


Alyssa Mullins, Deputy City Clerk