

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA, ON TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M., JANUARY 7, 2020, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Steil, Councilors Oliver, Curtis, Barrick, Morley and Turner

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Fast, City Clerk Fleming, City Attorney Kidd, Police Chief Estes, Officer Edwards, Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Reverend Monty Nelson led the Invocation and Mayor Steil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**3. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials**

City Attorney Kidd conducted the swearing in of the newly elected officials which consisted of Mayor Steil and Councilors Oliver, Morley and Turner.

**4. Nomination and Selection of 2020 Council President**

Councilor Morley made a motion for the nomination and selection of, Councilor Oliver as Council President, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

**5. Set 2020 Regular Meeting Dates**

Councilor Curtis made a motion to set the regular meeting dates as presented, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6. Approval of Minutes**

October 17, 2019-Public Hearing-2020 Budget  
October 24, 2019- Special Called Council Meeting

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

**7. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved

**8. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Steil thanked everyone, she considers being the Mayor a great honor and will take the responsibility seriously. Expressed gratitude for a job well done to City Workers, Scaly/Sky Valley Volunteer Firefighters and Council Members.

**9. Council Remarks**

Councilor Oliver expressed thanks and stated that we are all in this together, striving to do what is right.

Councilor Curtis stated that City Government is leading the way for Sky Valley.

Councilor Barrick is looking forward to working with the new council and expressed gratitude for the help from the previous council.

Councilor Morley thanked the previous council, looking forward to a good year.

Councilor Turner stated that he has lived in Sky Valley for the past 16 years and just announced his retirement, looking forward to a strong 2020.

**10. City Manager Reports**

City Manager Fast stated that there are two items that are going to be placed out for bids, a used bucket truck and two police vehicles that need to be replaced. Sky Valley Times will be published once a month with the departmental reports included. Culvert evaluations, the ones crossing the roads, have been completed with the replacement of one already, which was on Driver Lane. Second review of website redesign this week and it should be up and running soon. The new leaf vacuum was delivered on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and is performing well. The 2020 Census is getting ready to start. Everything has been simplified and can be completed online starting in March. Surplus items have been sold on GovDeals, totaling \$9,621. Approval has been given for the 2019 Safety Grant application, through GMA, and we should receive \$5,840.20, in the near future.

Councilor Curtis had questioned how the Codification was going. City Manager Fast had stated that they were waiting on the final review from City Attorney Kidd, which City Attorney Kidd announced that everything looked good and could move forward. City Attorney Kidd had suggested that this item be put on the next agenda as he would like to express his thoughts on some ordinances or changes that the City might want to consider.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11. Selection of Signatories for City Bank Accounts**

The selection of signatories for the City's bank accounts, which will include two new checking accounts for SPLOST and Marketing: Mayor Steil, Councilors Morley and Oliver. Councilor Turner made a motion to approve Mayor Steil, Councilors Morley and Oliver as signatories, and Councilor Curtis seconded, unanimously approved.

**12. Set Qualifying Fees for 2020 General Election**

Councilor Turner made a motion to set the qualifying fees for the member seats to be filled in the 2020 General Election, at \$15.00, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

**13. Consider Approval of Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement**

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

**14. Consider Awarding Bid for Landscaping Services**

City Manager Fast had recommended Mark Wanamaker as he was the low bidder. After a brief discussion, Councilor Curtis made a motion to award the City's landscaping services to Mark Wanamaker, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

**15. Consider Resolution Adopting 2019 Rabun County Joint Comprehensive Plan**

No action taken due to opposition from Councilor Curtis. A Special Called Council Meeting will be scheduled, at a later date, to consider the Resolution adopting the 2019 Rabun County Joint Comprehensive Plan.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**16. Public Forum and General Comments**

Comments and questions were taken from the audience:

Jan Mason, 38 Pleasant Mountain Drive, stated that Comprehensive Plans can be amended. Karl Stahl, 74 Red Wolf Trail, asked how to get an item on the agenda and spoke of the need for better internet service. Neil Howard, 229 Pleasant Mountain Drive, feels that the Council needs to have Work Shops, for unofficial discussions, each month. Cathy Turner, 259 Cobblewood Trail, asked for a City Clean Up especially along Bald Mountain Road and on 106 to State Line. City Manager Fast stated that she could schedule a date and time for a Community Clean Up. Councilor Turner also had concerns regarding the trash on 246 and asked City Manager Fast for help on who to contact concerning this matter. Helen Kleiber, 68 Jiminy Peak Lane, asked for the dates of the proposed meetings. Pam Greene, 418 Rebel Circle, wanted to know about scheduled repaving of the roads. City Manager Fast stated that Rebel Circle and Alex Mountain are next on the list for repaving. Questions about when the new website will be up and running, which City Manager Fast answered sometime towards the end of February or middle of March. Mike Commons asked about if there is any control on building. Mayor Steil stated that a Planning and Zoning Committee is being developed which would oversee that. Bob O'Keefe was asked to give an update on the Marketing Committee, which he stated that there is a Workshop planned for February where residents can come and give their input. Mike Commons gave an update, as being Sky Valley's Representative, for the Water and Sewer Authority. He stated that if we keep building, Sky Valley will have to look towards the plan that was set to have the sewage pump, from the high-density areas, down to Dillard.

**17. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Councilor Morley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk