

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON MAY 26, 2020, A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM, VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)**

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Fast, City Clerk Fleming and City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order and thanked all the men and women that are serving or has served, for their military service.

2. Invocation

Lynn Menard led the Invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

April 1, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting
April 21, 2020 Work Session Council Meeting
April 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 21st and 28th meetings, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Steil requested that item #11 to be taken from New Business and changed to read, Introduction of the Proposed "City of Sky Valley Vision and Mission Statement". Councilor Turner made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

5. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Steil expressed a huge thank you to the following:

- *Sky Valley Property Owner's Association and Garden Club for the extremely generous donation to the Landscaping Committee.
- *Councilor Turner, Councilor Morley and Hughel Goodgame for helping with the clean-up of the City Park.
- *Tim Darrah for weed eating areas around the Ridgepole Turn.
- *Public Works for their work at the City park which consisted of cleaning-up under the swings and moving picnic tables to that area.

6. City Manager Reports

City Manager Fast went over several items:

- *Requirements for Zoom participants
- *Where to view meeting videos
- *Research being conducted on bucket trucks
- *Delay on receiving the police vehicles due to COVID19
- *2019 Audit is underway
- *Urging Committee Members to send in their reply to the Ethics Ordinance
- *Ditches have been cleaned out and those in need of improvement, are underway
- *Flail mower is in use
- *New Employee – Officer Charles Webb
- *Postponement advise of the Pickleball Court repairs
- *Road Repavement – Bid Process

7. Presentation by Rick Story – Director of Development with Rabun Forward

Mr. Story spoke of how Forward Rabun was formed and who it comprised of. There will be a Community Board and invited a Sky Valley representative to be a part of that board. This will be an advisory board for marketing the communities and Sky Valley could have a part in the discussions of how the hotel/motel

tax revenues should be spent. Mr. Story stated that he had a more formal presentation that could be presented at a later date. Mayor Steil asked if he could do the PowerPoint presentation at the June 16th Work Session, which he agreed to. Mr. Story had also talked about the new Tourism Director, CJ Thompson, that could help the Marketing Committee, as well.

8. Report of City Owned Properties and SDS Reporting Statement – Doug Kidd

City Attorney Kidd stated that he had not been able to do the properties research due to the Rabun County Courthouse being closed. According to the Governor's Order, as of date, they should be open June 15th and he hopes to have the information by the next scheduled meeting.

City Attorney Kidd stated that he had received an email, from the SDS mediator, that was sent to the County and the City of Clayton attorneys. The mediator was checking on the status of a possible agreement between the two, so a report can be issued to the Court.

9. Committee Reports

***Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis, Chairperson – Landscaping Committee**

Thanked Mark Wanamaker and the Landscaping Committee members. All planting at the entrance should be completed by July 4th which part will consist of a red, white, and blue hydrangeas display. Repositioning of daylilies have been completed at the mailboxes.

***Councilor Bill Oliver, Chairperson – Mayoral Advisory Committee**

Investigating internet services. 246 building conversations. Rick Story, Forward Rabun, partnership. Continuation of conversations with Harrison Merrill. Professional Survey to obtain Sky Valley citizen's input for improvements.

***Councilor Bruce Turner, Chairperson – Special Projects**

Recognized the Committee Members. Swings to be added at the Dog Park. Urged residents to be in compliance of posting 911 numbers. Making the Sky Valley entrance brighter at night. Wants to schedule a roadside cleanup day. Staining of the overlook fence. Researching the cost and need for Charging Stations. Landscaping at common areas. Stated that the Time Shares of Sky Valley, Sky Valley Way properties, will be freshen up with in the next six months, per manager.

***Councilor Moody Barrick, Chairperson – Public Works**

The tree has been removed that was blocking the road, which was being discussed as a possible emergency exit out of Sky Valley. Councilor Barrick stated that he, Mike Commons and Darrin Giles could drive down the road now to gather ideas on what it would take to get the road in good shape.

Mayor Steil thanked all the Committee Members for all that they are doing for our City and the future of our City.

10. Introduction of the Proposed “City of Sky Valley Vision and Mission Statement”

Mayor Steil read the proposed “City of Sky Valley Vision and Mission Statement”, prepared by the City Council. She wants it to be included with the survey, for citizens input before the consideration of adopting. This statement will be discussed at the next Work Session for suggestions and input.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Consider Approval of Additional Road Striping and Striping of Parking Lot Spaces by Daniel Wilson-Precision Striping in the Amount of \$3,056.00

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the additional road striping and striping of parking lot spaces in the amount of \$3,056.00, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Public Forum and General Comments

Debbie Dahlhouse-Curtis had asked if while mowing the banks on the rights-of-way, if the flail mower could be lifted, in places, to avoid completely cutting down the native plants that could lead to erosion.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hollie Steil, Mayor

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Karen Fleming, City Clerk