

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA ON JUNE 16, 2020 AT 10:00 AM**

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order and asked Councilor Oliver to lead the Invocation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. City Manager Report

• **Public Works – Departmental Report**

The leaf removal from ditches have been completed after almost four months. It took 340 hours and five men gathering 120 loads of leaves. The ditches are in great shape now.

• **Bucket Truck**

A good used truck had been found at a cost of around \$48,500, which is half of the cost of a new truck. The council wants City Manager Fast to gather more information regarding this truck.

• **Web Site Update**

City Manager Fast stated that the website should go live this week.

• **US Census**

A reminder was given to complete the census as only 44% has been done at this time.

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

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Rick Story on behalf of Forward Rabun. This is a new organization designed to coordinate the former Tourism and Development Authority, Welcome Center and The Chamber of Commerce. Their board will consist of 21 members and Sky Valley will have one of those seats. Sky Valley will be represented in the new Welcome Center also.

5. Discuss Proposed City of Sky Valley Vision and Mission Statement

Mayor Steil will have the drafted “Sky Valley Vision and Mission Statement” along with Council’s suggestions be sent out by email, for input of citizens, before it is finalized.

6. Discuss Possible Editing of the Following Ordinances:

- **Chapter 6 – Animals**

Councilor Curtis suggested that section 6-5 addressing the killing of wild animals, be amended to show the exceptions of land disturbing animals such as wild hogs and armadillos, monitored by our Police Department.

Discussion ensued between Council, City Attorney Kidd and City Manager Fast. This topic will be investigated further by Councilor Curtis concerning possible changing of language.

Councilor Curtis suggested that 6-6 needs to reflect the change of name, Rabun County Humane Society to Rabun Paws for Life. Mayor Steil stated that the City needs to have a contract with the County for animal control before making that change.

Councilor Curtis suggested making changes to 6-7 to reflect that bird feeders could be used under certain guidelines, other than what has been specified. It was discussed and the Council was in consensus to leave the ordinance as is, since it is working.

- **Chapter 24 – The Nuisance Ordinance**

Councilor Curtis suggested that 24-2 be changed to reflect different ways to keep a dog under control besides just keeping them on a leash. Consensus of Council was to keep the leash law in affect.

- **Chapter 38 – Traffic and Vehicles**

Councilor Curtis suggested that the penalties for having an abandon vehicle be listed in the ordinance. City Manager Fast along with City Attorney Kidd stated that there is one section of the codification that addresses the penalties for violation of an ordinance and should be left as is. Mayor Steil stated that this will be reviewed again after the Council has had a chance to bring up the link for Municode and test out the search engine to see how the topics will be presented.

7. Progress Report from City Attorney Doug Kidd – Possible Emergency Exit Roadway and Title Searches on City Owned Property

City Attorney Kidd stated that the courthouse is still closed but appointments can be made. He will make an appointment for next week to do title searches and then prepare a letter for the owners.

8. Public Forum and General Comments

Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis asked if the gate at Driver Lane be removed.

A resident had inquired about the removal so it can be landscaped by the Garden Club. The possibility will be checked on, but the gate serves as a security device.

9. Adjournment

Councilor Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

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Hollie Steil, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk