

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM), ON A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM, JUNE 23, 2020**

**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 and Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

Connie Larsen led the Invocation.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Steil made a correction on item nine (9), as it should read, four (4) month lease instead of a three (3) month lease agreement. Councilor Turner made a motion to adopt the amended agenda with this change, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

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

**5. Mayor and Council Remarks**

Mayor Steil received a video that was taken over Father's Day weekend showing 20 plus people using the City Park and Pickleball Courts with very favorable comments. There will be fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> along with the Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fundraiser. Mayor Steil gave the latest stats on the COVID19 for the State along with our County.

Councilor Turner suggested using a wooden sign displaying the rules for using the Pickleball Courts and omitting "you will be prosecuted" if in violation.

**6. City Manager Report**

City Manager Fast stated that there has been a delay in the road striping due to the weather. She spoke of the Police Department's new officer – Charles Webb and listed his credentials. The new truck for the Police Department will be delivered this week, and the Durango is currently on the assembly line. The website is set to go live June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Committee Reports**

**Marketing Committee Report**

Mayor Steil asked the Marketing Chairperson, Bob O'Keefe to give an update. He stated that contributions are coming in from the City, POA and Club. Timeshares of Sky Valley has decided not to participate in the marketing endeavors. Getting pricing for the oval destination stickers. Visiting other Visitor's Center to see how they are set up. POA website will be linked to a site showing Sky Valley property for sale. Using the building on 246 as a visitor's center – 100% behind. In the July and November edition of the Mountain Traveler there will be a half page, Sky Valley ad. Ads are in the Northeast GA Regional Map and Mountain Lake Publishing. Developing a Sky Valley brochure.

Doug Hollandsworth, CEO of Georgia Golf and Travel, has been hired by the Marketing Committee on a monthly basis for the next 12 months and he was asked to speak. Mr. Hollandsworth stated that he was excited for the opportunity to help with the marketing of Sky Valley. He feels Sky Valley has a great product to promote. He gave a six-month schedule for his marketing plan which consists of monthly email blasts

driving people to the City's website, Georgia virtual golf journey through social media, programs with media people in Florida, concerning Sky Valley real estate programs and working with travel writers to do an article on Sky Valley in the fall. Will set up meetings with Rabun County Officials to talk about area marketing.

Bob O'Keefe thanked Mr. Hollandsworth for his presentation and spoke of the planned decals being a great advertisement. We need to keep our logo consistent and to be known as the "Highest and Coolest City" in Georgia.

#### **Mayoral Committee Report**

Mayor Steil asked Councilor Oliver, Chairperson for the Mayoral Committee, to give an update. He stated that the survey should be finalized by the end of this week and will be sent out to every owner. The results will be aggregated, prioritized, and published. Tim Darrah had set up a meeting with a Windstream rep. to talk about updating their services in Sky Valley. He will also set one up with a TruVista rep. to see what they can offer. Councilor Oliver along with Tony Allred met with Sarah Baker, a biologist in charge of fisheries in Georgia and her partner Leon with the Department of Natural Resources, to discuss what could be done with the pond across from the mailboxes. The area is considered a primary contributory to the trout streams and the area behind the dam a natural wetland with rare plants, for the mountains, which may be a marketing tool.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **8. Consider Approval of Purchasing a 2015 Ford F550 Bucket Truck - \$48,700.00**

City Manager Fast went over the figures concerning the purchase. Originally budgeted \$25,000 for a bucket truck but could not find anything in that price range, that was worth purchasing. The Capital Improvement Program for Police had a \$28,717 surplus due to being able to get two vehicles at a low-price leaving funds that could be applied towards the bucket truck purchase. City Manager Fast asked if this purchase is approved, if it could include Mayor Steil or herself the authority to execute the purchase and to declare the old bucket truck as surplus, so it could be sold on GovDeals.

Councilor Curtis made a motion for the approval of the purchase of a 2015 Ford F550 Bucket Truck in the amount of \$48,700 and giving authority to the Mayor or City Manager to execute this purchase along with declaring the old bucket truck as surplus so it can be sold on GovDeals, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

##### **9. Consider Approval of a four (4) Month Lease Agreement with Patty Calderone**

Mayor Steil had stated the terms of the lease which consists of \$400 a month (which was a reduction from previous rent amount). Rental term is July 1 – October 31, 2020. Utilities, \$60 per month. Past due rent and utilities must be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>, totaling \$1,840.00.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the four-month lease agreement with Patty Calderon, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **10. Public Forum and General Comments**

No comments were made.

##### **11. Adjournment**

As there were no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Councilor Oliver made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hollie Steil, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Fleming" clearly legible.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk