

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) ON THURSDAY JULY 30 , 2020, AT 10:00 AM

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order

2. Invocation

Barbara Kobacker gave the invocation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

Work Session Council Meeting – June 16, 2020

Special Called Council Meeting – June 16, 2020

Regular Council Meeting – June 23, 2020

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Barrick. Councilor Curtis requested to strike two subheadings in the work session minutes. Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the minutes with the removal of the two subheadings, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

5. Mayor and Council Remarks

Mayor Steil thanked the citizens and city employees who demonstrate their commitment to making Sky Valley a fabulous place. She thanked the public works department for staining the fence at the overlook and railings around the city, and the continuing work of cutting the vegetation throughout the city. She thanked the police and public works for responding to the recent flood issues on Sky Valley Way. Mayor Steil thanked Bob Powers, code enforcement officer as he was recognized as the employee of the month in the Sky Valley Times. She thanked City Manager Fast for the 4th of July display as everyone enjoyed the fireworks.

Councilor Barrick asked is it was possible to hold in person city meetings outdoors. City Manager Fast said that it is possible and that she had received many emails voicing the request to do live meetings instead of zoom. Councilor Oliver said that other feedback received was the timing of the meetings as many cannot attend during the day and would like to change the time to 6pm. Councilor Turner thanked Ella and the city for fixing the one way signage on Alpine as a new resident had asked it to be clearly marked for traffic.

6. City Manager Report

City Manager Fast said a 2013 Freightliner bucket truck has been purchased. The backhoe is still being diagnosed. She said there are still areas of road striping that need to be repaired. The sealed bids for resurfacing are due today at 2pm. The main road for resurfacing is Alex Mountain with alternates being Rebel Circle and Evergreen. She has received many positive comments on the new city website. City Manager Fast said the police department got the new Dodge truck. They are waiting on the new decals and equipment to be installed. She said the 2021 budget process has begun as the city just received the tax amounts from the county. She received pricing for the electrical at the visitor center of \$1,646.00 and to redo lighting at entrance is \$11,133.26. The city only received one estimate for electrical. The city audit is still ongoing. A work order for the concrete pad has been created but the weather is slowing the process. Mayor Steil asked if the city should get a second bid for the electrical. Councilor Morley suggested getting another bid. The other councilors all agreed to get another estimate.

7. Committee Reports

- Marketing Committee Report
- Mayoral Committee Report
 - a. Citizen's Survey – Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis
- Special Projects Committee Report

Bob O'Keefe said marketing has been busy the last few months. The Mountain Travel magazine came out which includes a half page ad with copies of the magazine available at City Hall and many other places in the county. The committee needs high resolution photos and meeting with a photographer. They are supporting the Senior Golf Event. He thanked Ella for the new city website as it looks great with the recommendation to add daily temperature and install a webcam and possibly attach to the website. The Country Club has updated their website. The next marketing meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 10am.

Councilor Oliver reported on the ongoing efforts by Tim Darrah as he has met up with Windstream and Truvista. Truvista has better coverage. He thanked Tim Darrah for setting up the meetings and working on this project.

Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis said she is getting responses from the survey that was sent out July 18. They have received 218 replies. The survey was sent out to roughly 500 POA members and additional people found in the city tax digest that are not POA members that own homes in Sky Valley. The things people appreciated most about Sky Valley is the natural beauty and a quiet place to relax, along with safety, well maintained streets, and recycling. They would like a commercial district. They will collect responses until August 7. A summary will be distributed to the citizens.

Councilor Turner presented the report for the Special Projects Committee. He thanked the city for the maintenance on the walking path and park area. Swings were installed by the city. There is still discussion about a dog park. Residents with no 911 signage need to be notified to install signs. City Manager Fast said a message was included in the Sky Valley Times and can be included in the utility bill. Councilor Turner said he met with Mark Wanamaker to get a proposal on cleaning the signage on Hwy 246 and mow the grass around that area with some new plants being installed. The overlook fence looks wonderful as well as the guardrail along Ridgepole. He spoke with Shelley at Timeshares and they will start work on the park and the maintenance building. They will clean up rails and walkways at the park. They anticipate working on the Timeshare building in September. He thanked the Garden Club along with Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis with the area on Labelle and other areas throughout the city as they have improved the appearance. The next Mayoral Committee meeting is Wednesday August 12, 2020 at 10am.

8. City Attorney Report

- a. City Owned Lots
- b. Emergency Road – Right-of-Way Easement Deeds (Document to Property Owners)

City Attorney Kidd had to leave the meeting and will update later.

9. Consider Proclamation for Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis Day – July 30, 2020

Mayor Steil asked for a motion to consider a proclamation for Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis Day – July 30, 2020. Debbie is an exemplary example of a Sky Valley volunteer. She worked for weeks on the city survey, has been chairman of the landscaping advisory committee, served on the garden club board, and has assisted with the installation of plants in areas throughout the city. She has been on the kudzu eradication group, Sid Weber, bagging leaves, cleaning along Mud Creek road for July 4th, and the list continues on. Councilor Morley made a motion to consider a proclamation for Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis Day – July 30, 2020, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Roof Variance Request – A variance to Building Code Sections 300.20 (6)(a) of the City of Sky Valley Building Ordinance (05-01) on Lot 70, Ridgepole Part 1, commonly known as 153 Ridgepole Drive, to install a copper color metal roof. Under the petition of: Lisa Unger

- ❖ DURING THE HEARING, ANY INTERESTED PARTIES MAY MAKE STATEMENTS, OR OFFER VIEWPOINTS OR ARGUMENTS THROUGH CHAT, ON ZOOM.

City Manager Fast explained that normally a variance request would be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Committee but with there being no committee it has to be brought to council to be considered. The roof is question was started with no permit and with the color of the roof being copper, a variance must be submitted as this color is not listed on the approved list of acceptable roof colors. Councilor Curtis made a motion to consider the variance request, seconded by Councilor Morley. Mayor Steil stated the code on approved roof colors as stated in the ordinance as dark green, dark gray, and dark brown with a matte finish. No comments from the owners, adjacent property owners, or Sky Valley citizens. Councilor Barrick asked the procedure as one previous request was approved. Councilor Oliver asked if a permit was applied for the roof. City Manager Fast said that no permit was applied for and a stop work order was issued. The roofing company was notified. A tarp is currently on the roof.

11. Consider Roof Variance Request - Installation of a copper color metal roof at 1053 Ridgepole Drive

Councilor Curtis made a motion to table the consideration of the variance request, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Public Forum and General Comments

- ❖ ALL COMMENTS MUST BE THROUGH CHAT, ON ZOOM
- ❖ NO FORMAL ACTION CAN BE TAKEN

No comments made.

13. Adjournment

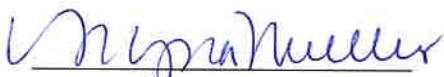
Councilor Morley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Alyssa Mullins, Deputy Clerk