

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING (THAT WAS RESCHEDULED DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, ORIGINAL MEETING DATE WAS AUGUST 3, 2020 AT 10:00 AM) VIA TELECONFERENCE ZOOM - ON A TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020, AT 4:00 PM, CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Oliver

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Fast and City Clerk Fleming

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

OLD BUSINESS

3. City Attorney Reports

a. City Owned Lots

City Attorney Kidd conducted the title searches for the properties owned by the City. If the City is interested in selling any or all the lots, it would have to be put out for bid with real estate brokers. City Attorney Kidd stated that he could find that procedure in the Code and forward it to the City, if needed.

City Manager Fast had inquired about the selling of the two City owned land lots across the street from the entrance. Councilor Curtis stated that the previous council had discussed that topic and at the time had decided not to sell. Mayor Steil stated this topic could be discussed again at the next Work Session.

b. Emergency Road: Right-of-Way Easement Deeds

City Attorney Kidd stated that he had draft an easement letter and has the homeowner names and addresses that City Manager Fast had provided. He will email the draft for approval and will send out the letter, as soon as it is approved.

TAKE FROM THE TABLE

4. Consider Roof Variance Request: Installation of copper metal roof at 1053 Ridgepole Drive

Councilor Curtis made a motion to take from the table, to Consider Roof Variance Request: Installation of copper color metal roof at 1053 Ridgepole Drive, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

Mayor Steil asked City Manager Fast to summarize this roof variance request. City Manager Fast went over the steps that had been executed pertaining to the request. A Variance Request fee had been paid, application fee paid, timely public hearing notice had been given. The public hearing took place during the July 30th Regular Council Meeting and the action to be taken by

the council had been tabled until City Attorney Kidd could be present in the event any advice was needed. Mayor Steil asked City Attorney Kidd if he could state his opinion on the variance request. City Attorney Kidd stated that there was no binding precedency due to the fact that a variance had been granted by previous Council, twelve years ago, for the same request. Council only needs to give due consideration after hearing from the homeowner and if there is any opposition from the Sky Valley residents.

The homeowners, Lisa Unger and Lynn Trehern were asked to speak on their behalf. Ms. Unger apologized for not following the permit requirements as she was not aware of a certain color palette for roofs. Eighteen thousand had already been spent in roofing materials and would be a great financial lost if the color were not approved, as the roofing material could not be returned. Ms. Trehern stated that the roof would have a matt finish and that it is only a copper colored roof not real copper that would have a glare. Both stated that they felt the roof color to being aesthetically appealing. Questions and statements were made by the Council to the homeowners.

Questions from Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis, Jan Mason, Jon Shebel and Leta Thomas were addressed and answered.

Mayor Steil called for the vote. Councilors Barrick and Morley were in favor of the variance request, Councilors Turner and Curtis opposed. Mayor Steil had the deciding vote in which she voted in favor of granting the variance request of the copper color roof on 1053 Ridgepole Drive.

5. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk