

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION, HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,  
GEORGIA VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM), AUGUST 18, 2020 A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM**

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

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**3. City Manager Report**

• **Paving Information**

No valid bids were received from the notice that was placed in the legal organ. John Howard (Precision Paving) was contacted and submitted a labor only proposal for Alex Mountain and Rebel Circle in the amount of \$96,963.95, City purchased materials, \$155,723.00, for a total of \$252,686.95. Discussion ensued concerning the bidding process, road shoulders, and a past assessment by Bob Sprecher, of the City owned roads. LMIG Funds have been received for the 2020 road projects in the amount of \$34,156.51.

Council decided that the roads need to be reassessed, which Councilor Barrick agreed to help City Manager Fast with. The bid process would be conducted again with the specifications for labor only, if Council approves the considered road projects at that point.

• **Review the West Lease Extension**

After reviewing the lease, the Council were in approval of the lease.

• **SPLOST Funding Update**

The SPLOST funds that have been received, totaled \$390,000.  
(\$50,000–Building and Grounds, \$100,000–Equipment, \$240,000–Roads)

City Hall needs to be resided, as it is rotten and is allowing water to enter the building. Councilor Oliver suggested Building Inspector Powers to assess and to give names of contractors that could give recommendations.

- **Public Works Culvert Analysis List**

All of the list has been completed except the culvert at 740 Ridgepole, which will be addressed shortly, and the newest problem, culvert on Sky Valley Way at the Club. That culvert has been analyzed and recommendations will be given by Lamar Hires.

- **2019 Audit**

The 2019 audit should be completed by the end of the month, according to the auditor.

- **Possible time changes for holding Council Meetings**

Council suggested trying an evening meeting to see how receptive it was.

- **Describe Budget 2021 Process**

Includes a spreadsheet with the previous year's figures on it, this year's to date figures, estimated amounts for rest of year. A rough draft could possibly be ready by the end of next week.

Capital Items from the Police Department and Public Works have been submitted. City Manager Fast asked for any suggestions to be added to the budget from Council, to be submitted now so it can be included.

- **Review of Electrical Quote for Old Visitor's Center Building**

The proposals were discussed. All K Electric, Inc - \$1,646.00 and Rick Barron - \$1,850.00. The decision was to go with the lowest bid.

A quote was also given for the main entrance lights, upgraded. Consensus was to investigate the need for the same number of lights versus less lights with greater voltages. Councilors Turner and Oliver will review.

- **Backhoe Repairs**

The cost for repairs is \$4,600 which would include a hydraulic pump.

#### **4. Discuss creating a Planning and Zoning Commission**

Mayor Steil would like to set up this committee, per City Charter, with the following recommended members: Bill Oliver, David Spears, Dan McAfee, Don Germano and Ed Morley. This item will be put on the agenda for the next Regular Council Meeting for consideration.

#### **5. Discuss two of the City owned lots (brought up by Councilor Curtis)**

City Attorney Kidd was asked to go over the process of selling the City owned lots. He suggested if the City only wanted to sell two lots that it probably would be easier to sell ourselves rather than using a broker.

Mayor Steil suggested letting the potential Planning and Zoning Committee to look

at the lots and coming back with recommendations.

**6. Discuss updating Nuisance Properties – Review Ordinance**

Councilor Turner was asked to list properties in the City that would fall in the category of being considered a nuisance property. The list consisted of four. City Manager Fast stated that letters have been sent out to the property owners. All but one has been taken care of, but the property owner has responded, to why the property has not been addressed. Another property on East Sugarbush was discussed and Building Inspector/Code Enforcer Power will be asked to address said property.

**8. Public Forum and General Comments**

No comments.

**9. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk