

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM), ON A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

**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

**2. Invocation**

Councilor Turner led the invocation

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**July 30, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting**

**August 4, 2020 – Special Called Council Meeting**

**August 18, 2020 – Council Work Session**

**August 26, 2020 – Special Called Council Meeting**

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Mayor Steil requested to amend the agenda by adding the item, "Consider Purchase of Webcam" which was brought forth by the Marketing Committee. Councilor Turner made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

**5. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor Steil thanked Don Vollmer for building the planter boxes/screens that was positioned at the City Park. The iconic hale bales will be returning again this fall and hopefully will be in place and painted the first week of October. Mayor Steil thanked the participants that helps put this together: Sky Valley Chapel, TimeShares of Sky Valley, CBC Church. The Sky Valley Garden Club will be decorating the corners in Sky Valley. They will also be decorating the front entrance, using donated funds.

**6. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Fast stated that the auditor is wrapping up the 2019 audit and she hopes to be able to send something out, to Mayor and Council, today or tomorrow. Backhoe is back in service; repairs cost of \$4,510.00

Councilor Morley asked about the City Hall repairs. City Manager Fast stated that Jerry Ballard was going to look at City Hall. He will make his recommendation for repairs that is needed. If SPLOST funds are to be used, the job would be put out for bids. Councilor Oliver asked when the 2021 budget would be presented. City Manager Fast stated that since she has received the 2019 audit she can plug in the numbers and hopefully have something out by the end of the week. There was a discussion on the budget procedures along with the timelines.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. Ratify the Approving of Electrical Bid at Main Entrance – All K Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$11,422.26**

Due to time restraints there was an approval, from Council, obtained via email. Councilor Turner made a motion for the ratification of the bid from All K Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$11,422.26, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

**8. Ratify Cares Act Resolution**

Mayor Steil had applied for this grant, which is the coronavirus relief fund through the State. It was specified that our municipality could receive up to \$14,290. The application was approved and City Manager Fast supplied the information that was requested. The City was granted the full amount and the specific area that could be apply for was, additional pay to the Public Works Department and the Police Department. City Manager Fast stated that the grant amount will be disbursed amongst the staff as a bonus. Office staff will receive comp time in lieu of a monetary amount.

As email was sent out asking for the approval of this resolution, which had to be approved by September 1, 2020. The Council approved the Resolution, by email vote. Councilor Morley made a motion to ratify this vote, seconded by

Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

**9. Consider Approval of Lease Extension (West) - \$400.00 per Month (Oct. Nov. and Dec. of 2020)**

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the lease extension for \$400.00 per month, including utilities - October, November and December of 2020, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

**10. Consider Approving the Planning & Zoning Committee Members - Dan McAfee, Chairperson, Bill Oliver, David Spears, Don Germano and Ed Morley**

Mayor Steil describe the duties of this commission per the City's Charter, "To provide comprehensive city planning for development by zoning; and to provide subdivision regulation and the like as the city council deems necessary and reasonable to ensure a safe, healthy, and esthetically pleasing community.

Councilor Curtis made a motion for the approval of the recommended members for the Planning and Zoning Committee, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

**11. Consider Approving a Quit Claim Deed - McAfee**

City Manager Fast went over the procedure of the City deeding the right-of-way in front of the McAfee's home, over to them. A propane tank had been buried along with two retaining walls erected on the right-of-way, in front of their home at the time the home was constructed, which was before they purchased the property. Mr. McAfee supplied all documents required to fulfill this request.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the request from Dan McAfee for the City to sign a Quit Claim Deed over to him (located in Land Lot 170 on Alpine Lane), seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

**12. Consider Approving Sprinkler System Replacement - Eden Irrigation, LLC, in the amount of \$13,740**

Councilor Morley made a motion to approve the bid from Eden Irrigation, LLC, in the amount of \$13,740, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

**13. Consider the purchase of a webcam as presented by the Marketing Committee, in the amount of \$6,360.00**

Bob O'Keefe, chairperson of the Marketing Committee talked about the use of this camera. The funds will come out of the Marketing Committee's account, just needs to be approved by Council so purchase can be made.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**13. Consider Approving Paving Bid - Precision Paving Labor \$96,963.65 with the City paying an estimated \$155,723 for asphalt and rock - Alex Mountain & Rebel Circle**

City Manager Fast stated that the funding of this project would be through SPLOST funds and 2020 LMIG funds. Building up of the shoulders of the road, will be performed, as needed.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the bid of Precision Paving's labor in the amount of \$96,963.65 with the paying an estimated \$155,723 for asphalt and rock for the Alex Mountain and Rebel Circle paving project, seconded by Councilor Barrick, unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. Public Forum and General Comments**

Mayor Steil wanted to discuss the recent change on how to contact the Sky Valley's police department. She had asked City Manager Fast along with Police Chief Estes to explain why this procedure was changed.

City Manager Fast explain that citizens need to go through dispatch if an officer is needed. When a call is received and dispatched out, it is on record who called in and where the officer was needed. This is for the protection of our police department as well as the citizens.

Police Chief Estes went over the numbers to call. For emergencies, call 911 and non-emergency calls, you should dial the 706-782-7777 phone number, as published in the POA directory. When a call goes through dispatch, they can also dispatch out ambulances and fire trucks, if needed. The response time is the same going through the 911 dispatcher as it was calling the police directly. Your tax money goes to fund this valuable service. If an officer is need for backup,

the dispatcher knows exactly where the officer is, whereas that wasn't always the case before. Every call that goes through the dispatcher for the Sky Valley police, the Sky Valley officer on duty, will be dispatched.

City Attorney Kidd concurred with what had been said. He also stated that no where in Georgia do the citizens call the police department directly instead of calling a dispatch center.

The council suggested that this information needs to be provided to the citizens not present at the meeting.

**15. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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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 and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk