

**PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020, AT 10:00 A.M.  
696 SKY VALLEY WAY (CBC BLDG.)  
SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Turner

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Clerk Fleming, Police Chief Estes, and Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks

**INTRO:**

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed 2021 budget as well as the proposed millage rate for the 2020 Ad Valorem taxes. An additional public hearing is scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. The budget and millage rate are on the agenda to be adopted at a Regular Council Meeting on November 19th at 11:00 a.m.

**GENERAL FUND**

- In opposition to
- In favor of

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**WATER & SOLID WASTE FUND**

- In opposition to
- In favor of

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

Mayor Steil stated as per our Charter, the City Manager designed our proposed 2021 Budget where expenditures are in line with our revenues. The proposed budget was available at City Hall for anyone that wanted to review. The proposed millage rate is 15.608, which is the same from last year. This equates to \$59,177.86 per mill which gives us a tax digest of \$923,648.00. The revenues sources were reviewed along with the expenditures, percentages per department, from the General Fund.

Mayor Steil asked Councilor Oliver to talk about the line item "Fire". He stated that in preparing the budget he asked for amount of 1.5 mills requested by the Sky Valley/Scaly Mountain Fire Department, which was the same amount as last year, was only calculated at 1.36 mills. This oversight will be rectified by a Budget Amendment at the first of the year which will reflect the 1.5 mills to be given.

Mayor Steil asked Councilor Morley to go over some sources for the Revenue deduction and Expenditure increases. He stated the decrease of the millage rate by .5 mill, which was around a \$30,000 loss. The motor vehicles tax along with court fines were at a significant decrease. Some of the notable increases in the expenditures were Administration around \$17,000, Landscaping \$5,000, and Special Events \$12,500.

**Public Comments Made:**

**Steve Mason**, 38 Pleasant Mountain Drive, suggested of reviewing the required square footage of new construction. He questioned the decrease in general administration and court fines.

**Jan Mason**, 38 Pleasant Mountain Drive, stated that she knew the reason for the tax increase this year was the revaluation of property values and wanted to know if the City knew of assessments for next year, as this would help the Revenues coming in.

**Barbara Kobacker**, 407 Pleasant Mountain Drive, stated that a long-range plan is needed for Sky Valley, to help know how much revenue is needed.

These questions and concerns were addressed by Mayor and Council.

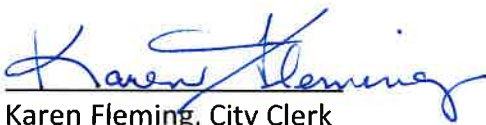
Councilor Morley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk