

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON DECEMBER 15, 2020 A TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)**

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Kidd and City Clerk Fleming

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Councilor Turner led the Invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

November 12, 2020 – Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

November 12, 2020 - Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

November 19, 2020 - Public Hearing

November 19, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

5. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Steil thanked the Public Work employees for their work with putting up the holiday lights. She thanked the Police Department for helping the paramedics with COVID-19 patients, as needed, and also thanked the City Hall staff for handling the additional work in the absence of a City Manager. The Council members were thanked for all of their hard work in making Sky Valley a better place, as she has received many compliments. The Council is in keeping with the Vision/Mission Statement that was set forth at the beginning of the year.

6. Council's Remarks

Councilor Turner discussed the front entrance lights that was recently installed. He is attempting to see if the lights can be softened or redirected as different options are being considered. He thanked the citizens and Officer Edwards for help putting back together the Nativity scene that was damaged during a recent storm.

Councilor Morley thanked Mayor Steil and Councilor Oliver for their work in filling in as needed, during the absence of a City Manager.

7. City Attorney's Report

• **Easement Letters**

City Attorney Kidd has sent out certified letters to the property owners asking for an easement. He has heard from some and some have called City Clerk Fleming. A list will be compiled of the replies and he will try to call the ones that have not responded. Only one letter can be undeliverable. The letter indicated that the City would be responsible for the maintenance of the road along with the road be used only during emergencies. The next step would be an agreement signed by the property owners.

Councilor Barrick stated that the last gate, on the proposed emergency exit road, is outside the City limits and the first gate was placed showing the end of the City owned road. There would have to be an easement agreement with the owner of the property outside the City limits, also. Councilor

Barrick had stated that the County Manager verbally agreed to help with the road in the event that the easements were obtained.

- **Heatherstone Homeowner Agreement – Broadmore Gate**

City Attorney Kidd had been in contact with Ms. Matis regarding the use of the gate during an emergency. She stated that it would be discussed during a homeowner's meeting and she would get back with him. As of date he has not heard anything and asked if a phone number could be given, so he could give her a call back. Permission along with a key, if gate is locked, is needed so the road could be used in the event of an emergency.

- **Property Owner's Issue**

John Boshart had contacted City Attorney Kidd and inquired about the possibility of his property being de-annexed from the City. He told Mr. Boshart the requirements that must be met before this request could take place. The following was stated:

1. Homeowner must put the request in writing, giving the legal description of property, and stating the reason for wanting the de-annexation, and present to Mayor and Council.
2. The County would have to pass a Resolution consenting to the land be de-annexed from Sky Valley and becoming part of the unincorporated area of the County.
3. Sky Valley would have to pass an Ordinance granting the de-annexation.

Once all three have been met the Resolution and Ordinance would be sent to the State's Department of Community Affairs to be made official. The City would have to decide whether or not to take this request under consideration.

Mayor Steil stated that once the letter has been received that it would be presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee for review and the Committee will then come back to Mayor and Council with their recommendation.

The homeowner, John Boshart along with his realtor, Terri Dobbs, were allowed to speak, stating the reasoning for the request. Number one reason was accessibility to the property. Property can only be access via Crusher Run Road. Questions were asked from Dan McAfee, P&Z Chairman, and Councilors Curtis and Morley.

Another alternate route for an emergency exit would entail part of this property. Mr. Boshart stated that he would sign an agreement for an easement if the road needs to go in that direction. Councilor Barrick stated that he could come up with a map showing the potential road through the property.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider Approval of Proclamation for Moody Barrick

Mayor Steil read the Proclamation. Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Moody Barrick, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Public Forum and General Comments

Two comments were made, the name of the road is Evergreen and the Broadmore gate is chained but not locked.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hollie Steil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Hollie Steil, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk