

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 24, 2017
TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM
CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY WAY**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
September 26, 2017
- 4. Adoption of Agenda**
- 5. Mayor's Remarks**
- 6. Council Remarks**
- 7. City Manager & Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions**

OLD BUSINESS

- 8. Bridge to connect Walking Path**

NEW BUSINESS

- 9. Jane Gore Request for Reimbursement of Partial Paving on Spicewood in the amount of \$2,369.48**
- 10. Ratify approval of increase in Road Paving Project for Breckenridge in the amount of \$5,400**
- 11. Mayor's Proclamation – Hollie Steil and Sky Valley Garden Club**
- 12. Mayor's Proclamation – Laura Gurley**
- 13. Mayor's Proclamation – Ray Becker**
- 14. Transfer of Seasonal Employee Michael Marcus to Full Time in the Solid Waste Department**
- 15. Ordinance 13-03 – Section 21- Minutes (Electronic Media)**
- 16. Covered Bridge on Highway 246**
- 17. Overlook Rock Columns**

OTHER BUSINESS

- 18. Public Forum and General Comments**
- 19. Adjournment**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2017, TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM, CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY WAY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Goodgame, Council President Lively, Councilors Durpo, Larsen, Lively, MacNair and Steil
STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Fast, Police Chief Estes
SPECIAL GUEST: City Attorney Perry

1. Call to Order

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Jane Lively gave the Invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reuel Hamilton led everyone in the National Anthem.

3. Approval of Minutes

August 15, 2017

Councilor Steil made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Larsen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

4. Adoption of Agenda-

Councilor Lively made a motion to approve agenda. Councilor Steil seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- 5. Mayor's Remarks-**
- 1) A lot of people to thank for all the help with the storm recovery including the Public Works Department & Police Department which was very active with communication.
Grass cutting is behind due to the storm debris clean-up.
 - 2) Fall Decorations are looking great & Fall Fest is October 21st.
 - 3) Visitor center – 121 for the month of September – 2016/2241 & 2017/1362 thru 8 months
 - 4) Home Sales- 2015/34, 2016/40 & 2017/32 thru 8 months and club memberships have been transferred to new property owners
 - 5) Understand that it is an election cycle but there seems to be a lack of knowledge of how things work. We have a Mayor/Council form of government. The Council is responsible for approving a budget and amending it as needed. Ordinances/policies/minutes are online & approved by Council.
My term is almost up with 2 more meetings.
Budget and budget amendments are passed by Council and most times are unanimously approved.
Mayor/City Manager are charged with responsibility for implementation of policies & procedures developed by Council.
Items outside the budget must come to Council for approval.
 - 6) City Park and how it took place
October 2016 a Council workshop was held for the city park outlining the survey results. It was agreed that it should be done with as much in-house labor as we could Saving 25% to 30% by being our own general contractor
We bid out the pickleball court and the pavilion
City agreed to expand the existing walking path, and Steve Mason had agreed to allow his staff to work for the city some during their off season, however that did not work out City staff was asked to perform the work afterhours but they had too much going on

Looking for other options, our landscaper, Jim Wells, agreed to do it for the same price as was figured using temporary labor.

Three drainage ditches were eroding into the creek and we had someone drive off into the ditch during Fallfest last year. Our Public Works Director recommended we insert piping and cover up with dirt, grass and mulch. We decided instead to cover with gravel for additional parking

The park is complete except for finishing up the restrooms & the bridge to get across the creek and hopefully Council will get that done sometime soon

6. Council Remarks

MacNair – thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Mayor for his explanation
Durpo- thanked everyone attending and thanked the Mayor for update – also stated real estate market is moving forward and driving market values up
Steil-remember all our neighbors that were affected by storms
Lively- thanked everyone for being here and for getting involved by using their talent
Larsen-thanked the city employees for all their work during & after the storm
also thanked the candidates for stepping up

7. City Manager & Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions-presented report

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week- October 23-31, 2017

Councilor MacNair made a motion to approve Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week.
Councilor Steil seconded the motion and passed unanimously. Councilor Larsen volunteered to make the red ribbons and solicited help from the audience.

9. Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Contract Between Rabun County and City of Sky Valley Providing for Use of Rabun County Detention Center by Municipal Prisoners

Councilor Steil made a motion to approve. Councilor MacNair seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

10. Ratify Quit Claim Deed to Clear Title on Barbara Bottner – Ridgepole Area, Part 2, Lot 178A, 0.04 acres-

Councilor Steil made a motion to ratify vote previously approved by email vote. Councilor Lively seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

11. Consider Appeal for Tree Application for Allen N. McLeroy 55 Appalachian Point-

Councilor Larsen made a motion to consider grant of appeal. Councilor Steil seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

12. Consider Appeal for Tree Application for Keith A. Graham 299 Winding Ridge Dr #315

Councilor Larsen made a motion to consider grant of appeal. Councilor Steil seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

13. Discussion of the City's Financial Policy

Mayor Goodgame stated that Councilor Durpo had sent out an e-mail to the community and in it he requested that we have the City attorney come and answer some questions that he had in his e-mail. City staff has spent a good bit of time gathering the information,

reviewing it, and sending it to the attorney. Mayor Goodgame then read each question individually for the attorney's response.

1) An opinion for our city attorney regarding the handling of the park project, and walking path project, individually and in whole, and if they were performed with the purchasing policy of the City of Sky Valley?

Attorney Perry: Based on everything we have reviewed and been provided and a review of the financial policy, we believe the park project and the walking path both comply with the City of Sky Valley's purchasing policy.

2) An opinion from our city attorney. Is "stacking" legal? If so, in what instances are they allowed, and are there instances where it is not allowed? Mayor Goodgame also asked Perry to explain what "stacking" might mean.

Attorney Perry: My understanding from Mr. Durpo's question is rather than "stacking", you are talking about subdividing a project into smaller pieces rather than doing the whole project as one. Councilor Durpo agreed stating taking a single project and dividing it into multiple smaller projects. With that definition of "stacking", Perry stated there are times the law does not allow a city to subdivide construction projects. It's controlled by a statute. The Georgia statute prevents a project that is \$100,000 or more from being subdivided into individual pieces and then being completed piece-meal. The city's financial policy does not have a similar "anti-stacking" provision (termed used for ease of discussion). There are times when "stacking" is illegal and times when "stacking" isn't illegal. The statute, even with the \$100,000 limit, still has a lot of exceptions to it. One exception is when a city is doing some of the work itself.

3) An opinion from our city attorney. Is the practice of "stacking" allowed and defined in the purchasing policy of the City of Sky Valley?

Councilor Durpo: If it is not addressed in the City's financial policy, does that make it allowed or disallowed?

Attorney Perry: "Stacking" is not addressed in the City's financial purchasing policy therefore we believe that it is acceptable in certain situations to subdivide projects. You can't violate Georgia law.

Councilor Durpo: It has to be addressed in the policy so we need to add something to the policy to disallow it in the future?

Mayor Goodgame: Did you say under the GA statute, if the city is planning to do part of the work itself, that is an exception to the \$100,000 statute?

Attorney Perry: Yes, that is an exception to the GA statute. When you are looking at these situations, it's easy to say, "Is "stacking" allowed or disallowed," but the truth of it is that it is a maybe answer. It depends on what you're looking at doing. If you use the park or the walking path project, we don't see those things as "stacking" that would any way violate because the city is entitled to have a long-term vision for something. Call the park project a long-term vision. There is nothing stating that the long-term vision has to be completed all at once immediately by a subcontractor. Is "stacking" saying that you can divide the walkway into 100 foot sections and do it that way? No. That is something we believe would be disallowed. But can do the walking path project as the walking path and as the bridge? Yes, we believe you can subdivide those things.

Councilor Durpo: Our purchasing policy clearly outlines \$25,000 or more must be bid. It was known at the time that the walking path was going to be \$30,000. Can the City just decide on every project that they want to divide it into much smaller projects? The other concern is timing. Doesn't see a problem with building a pavilion and six months later seeing that it is full all the time and people are using it and then deciding to add something to the park. The entire park was known exactly what they wanted to do. It seems the walking path would be in violation since it was clearly above the \$25,000 figure.

Mayor Goodgame stated that was totally incorrect. In the council workshop in October, 2016, the Council unanimously decided it would pursue the park in stages, incrementally to see how far we could go and see what we could do and what we couldn't do. We did everything we could in-house and put the rest out to bid.

4) An opinion from our city attorney. Is a project or purchase in which its timing, and/or a single decision that clearly indicates it is one project or one purchase allowed to deliberately divide and "stacked" into smaller single purchases?

Attorney Perry: It depends on the project. There was a question raised about the purchasing of the four police vehicles. That is something that is allowed to be looked at per unit cost and not a four police car total. Things like that are allowed to be purchased individually. It is consistent with the policy to look at those purchases individually.

Councilor MacNair: We had to buy the police cars individually so we didn't have to put them out for bid. It's in our rules and regulations that anything over \$25,000 has to go for bid. If we are going to have this and we can go around the corner and throw it out the window, what is the use in having it in our charter saying we can't go over \$25,000 without a bid? If it's there and we say we are going to buy four police cars at one time and yet you allow them to be purchased individually and yet we've spent money beyond that to re-wire, put in lights and add to the cost of the police cars. You can buy a car and later on add the wheels for it as long as you don't go over \$25,000.

Attorney Perry: Each car is an individual item. Based on the city's policy, that is how we interpret it as it is currently written. If the City Council wants to change that policy or make it clearer so that it is not open for interpretation, that is something that would need to be changed by City Council. That's the way we read the policy as it is currently drafted.

Mayor Goodgame: Asked if there was an example in the financial policy.

City Manager Lapeyrouse: Read directly from the policy whereby an example is given when multiple items of equipment are purchased together. "The City will recognize acquisition costs based on individual unit prices. Assets should not be grouped. For example, in acquiring equipment, if three personal computers (PC) were acquired simultaneously at \$2,000 each, this would not be an asset of \$6,000 consisting of 3 PCs. Instead, it would be 3 separate acquisitions of \$2,000. Each PC would be recorded as a separate controllable item." This is how we look at multiple items purchased together. Also, we did follow the informal bid process for the police cars and received 3 Subaru dealership quotes as well as 2 other type vehicle quotes.

Mayor Goodgame: I believe the cars were \$22,900.

Mike Commons: The unit price would be the \$22,900 plus the cost of the improvements. What was the total cost of each unit after the work was done to it? How much were the decals?

Mayor Goodgame: We did not ask for bids on completed police cars. We bought the cars and then added the equipment ourselves.

Bill Horton: The intent is that if we are close to the \$25,000 for the total project, it should put it out to bid. By the time they were police cars, they were over \$25,000. The same addition of cost on the visitor center. Paving of the parking lot was taken out of our paving budget. It wasn't in the project. The whole project is the cost you base what you are going forward with and whether you are going out to bid. That's not what is being adhered to. He said to the city attorney that he disagrees with some of what the attorney has said.

Mayor Goodgame: The city has always tried to save money by improving an asset after we got it by using as much of our own people's time as we can to improve it.

Neal Howard: He was on Council when we approved in general about the park. We all like the police cars we got. The problem was that it wasn't discussed in a workshop. We don't get these things together and get all these comments from the public before we move forward. That's what it looks like. There are a lot of great improvements. We need to be more together. Not a lawyer, but we implore the council to take more time to involve everybody.

Mayor Goodgame: We talked about the park for a long time, asked for community feedback and we had workshops and meetings. We did not have a workshop on the cars. Maybe we should have. We had a job to do, and we did it. Council approved everything that was done. He is in favor of anything that keeps people more involved.

5) An opinion from our city attorney. Is project or purchase stacking in the best interest of taxpayers, and should it be considered a best practice for the city to follow?

Attorney Perry: This is not a legal question. This is a question of each taxpayer.

6) An opinion from our city attorney. If stacking is legal and ethical, what purpose does the city's purchasing policy serve, and who determines when the purchasing policy should and should not be followed, and otherwise stacked?

Attorney Perry: The City's purchasing policy serves as a guide to the City Manager, the department heads and to the Council as to how purchases and projects should be handled. Ultimately it is up to the City Council to monitor purchases and projects to make sure the city's policies are being adhered to.

Councilor Durpo: So the purchasing policy is subjective to city management?

Attorney Perry: No, the city's financial policy is the city's financial policy. It serves as a guide to everybody so that they know what the rules are.

Councilor Durpo: Walking path was done piece-meal although it exceeded the \$25,000 but we put the pavilion out for bid. Why didn't we just buy a concrete slab, some trusses and a roof and turn that into something that we didn't have to vote on in the first place?

City Manager Lapeyrouse: The walking path was voted on by City Council. The city bought the materials and did as much of it as we could, only outsourcing the labor and now the bridge. When she makes a proposal to Council, the Council can redirect her to bid it out a different way. The Council ultimately votes on it. If the Council wants to see the park bid

as one complete project with a General Contractor handling all of the components of it, they could tell her to bid it out as one project. From the very beginning, the Council wanted to do it in pieces, as funds were available, not knowing how much it could do.

Mayor Goodgame: It was the feeling in that workshop, that we would save a lot of money doing it that way by not having all the add-ons of a General Contractor. We could also adapt to conditions and things that happen as you go along.

Mike Commons: When we put this project together, was the decision made immediately to parcel up funding or was the decision made to go get a total bid to see what the total package would cost? You can get bids and decide it is too expensive. Then you can do one at a time.

Mayor Goodgame: It was not that way. Council did not decide to pursue it that way.

Mike Commons: Who originated the project?

City Manager Lapeyrouse: It started with the community survey, then it went to a Community Activities Committee and then to Council workshop.

Mike Commons: What bothers most of us is the process.

City Manager Lapeyrouse: Read directly from the minutes from the workshop whereby it was decided to be done in pieces as funds are available and she was tasked with getting itemized pricing for each component.

Mayor Goodgame: It would have been nice to have more input at the workshop. Don't know anything to do to be more transparent. The park was not his brain-child. It was the community's and then the community activities committee made a recommendation to City Council.

7) An opinion from our city attorney. The parking lot by the pickleball courts was built for the purpose of a parking lot, but financially categorized in the city accounting as an erosion repair project. Is placing a project or purchase intended for one purpose, but accounted for completely different purpose legal, ethical, and/or allowed by the city's purchasing policy? In other words, park project expenses should be accounted for in the park budget category, and erosion control is solely for erosion control. If allowed, what purpose does a budget category serve?

Attorney Perry: It common for projects to have multiple benefits. It's not required that it be allocated between categories.

City Manager Lapeyrouse – our auditor's response was to categorize as a roads right-of-way repair project even though it served two purposes. Both departments are funded through the General Fund so it all comes from the same pot of money. It could be moved to the parks department if the Council wants it shown there, but the auditor's recommendation was to leave it in the Roads Department.

8) The Council and taxpayers of Sky Valley have been told the city is not required to follow the same building codes and/or ordinances as the taxpayers. I find this hard to believe. Is the city exempt from state and/or city building code(s)? If not exempt, who inspects city projects to ensure they follow building codes?

Attorney Perry- city is not exempt from city or state building codes, but the city inspector is perfectly fine to inspect city projects

9) Is the city exempt from following the same ordinances enforced upon its taxpayers? If exempt, how is it determined which, if any, ordinances the city must follow versus ordinance it is not required to follow?

Attorney Perry- this is another "it depends" answer. Some ordinances the city is required to follow and some are not required to follow – an example of ordinances the city is not required to follow is the zoning ordinance. Each ordinance would have to be looked at on an individual basis.

10) Is the city required to get a permit from itself for a project?

Attorney Perry: No, I don't think so.

Durpo stated that City Manager Lapeyrouse previously stated that the City did not have to follow building codes or its ordinances. Lapeyrouse stated that was not what she said. The City does have to follow building codes. That is a state law. She had been asked if the city would issue a permit to a private individual without a parking plan. She stated no, but the City did not have to follow those same (zoning) regulations. Durpo recalled the discussion and agreed that was the context of the discussion.

Attorney Perry did clarify that Councilors should recuse themselves from a vote if they have a direct financial interest.

OTHER BUSINESS

11) Public Forum and General Comments

Al Lee thanked the city police department for their assistance over the last 20 months in helping with his wife.

Reuel Hamilton asked for a short summary of the lease on the property from the Mayor. After Mayor Goodgame's summary provide a history of the property, Mr. Hamilton spoke about the issue of building on someone else's property and the possibility of having it taken away again the same way that was done to the POA.

Mayor Goodgame explained that everything except a small portion of the walking path has been on city property. The proposed bridge would be portable and could be moved or sold if the City was no longer under a lease for the park.

Milt Gillespie inquired about the children's playground-Mayor Goodgame responded the playground equipment would be portable

Mike Commons – previous POA chairman provided additional information on the history of the POA pavilion and the terms of the lease.

Susie Piontkowski requested Mayor and Council put forth a motion to terminate and to proceed with the park project with the proper and ethical way of presenting to the public a more understandable way.

Edd Dean expressed his disappointment with this community that he loves stating that we have spent two hours complaining about things that have already been done. If members of the council felt when they were voting that something was being done illegally, that was the time to bring it up and not after everything was done. This community continues to split itself with things that have been said today. He and his wife have decided to keep

their home in Sky Valley. We need to spend as much time working for the good of the community as we do trying to blame everything on somebody else. If you disagree, that's fine, but remains friends and makes this community what it should be.

Barbara Kobacker stated there has to be more communication so that exaggerations are not being made. Help us understand. Let us know what is in the works.

The Mayor stated that the playground was planned to be the last piece of the puzzle. We have money available in the capital projects budget if the Council wants to allocate the money for that. We also need park benches, swings, etc. and plan to do a fundraiser to purchase these items in memory of a loved one.

Barbara Kobacker suggested lunch at City Hall once a month. The Mayor said we are open to all ideas.

Councilor Larsen stated people need to read their e-mail

City Manager Lapeyrouse advised the audience that the meeting was being recorded to be placed on the City of Sky Valley website which will allow people to be more informed and to listen to the entire meeting to hear all of the things that are talked about each month since not all of the details make it into the minutes.

Freda Solomon has been in Sky Valley for about 35 years. She advised she never received the survey about the park. The majority of the taxpayers has no say and are disenfranchised. We can't say anything; we can't vote. You are making decisions for us and we have no say. She has been married for 61 years to an attorney. One piece of advice for Linda when asked all these questions. Answer with, "I don't know, but I'll find out. I'll ask an attorney." Where are we going to get all the children for the park?

Al Piontkowski- what he believes is that the Mayor & Council have fantastic intentions, but a lack of communication is apparent with the comments that are coming up. It's a big problem to communicate. What he is reading behind the scenes is that there is an appearance of impropriety in getting some of the projects that are well intentioned done. Most of the things we are dealing with are common sense and it's becoming almost convoluted to reach a goal. If we need the city attorney to weigh in on a project, maybe we are trying to skin the cat a little differently. Everybody here loves Sky Valley. We need to focus on the future based on what has happened in the past. Where do we want to go from this day forward learning from what we've done right and what we've done maybe not as good as we could have.

Mayor Goodgame said as far as impropriety, he doesn't feel that anyone thinks that anyone up here has the intent to do something wrong. That's the reason we have the attorney here today to answer the questions. Thankfully, I haven't heard him say we have done anything wrong. Linda runs the city. He meets with her once a week to go over what we want to accomplish that week. If the two of us can't 100% decide that what we are trying to do is the right thing to do, we do call the attorney. John Dickerson has represented the City for a long time and is probably the top municipal attorney in the state or at least one of them. We feel very comfortable calling him and asking him questions. We never want to do anything wrong and doesn't think we have.

Milt Gillespie asked about the City's form of government – Mayor Goodgame responded he wasn't sure of the technical term, but the council makes all the decisions on policy and budget, hiring and firing, and everything. The city manager implements those things. The Mayor works with her, communicating often. We have a great staff and a great manager that have been with us a long time. Every single employee would come out at midnight if called on. He appreciates how they have all worked with him over the last four years and know they will continue to work with the next Mayor and Council.

12) Adjournment-

Councilor Larsen made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Lively seconded the motion unanimously approved at 12:10 p.m.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Ella Fast, City Clerk



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

October, 2017

Announcements -

2017 General Election

The Mayor and three Councilmember terms expire in 2017. The one mayoral candidate and the three councilmember candidates receiving the most votes city-wide will be elected for a two-year term. The following candidates have qualified to run in the election.

Mayor

**Robert MacNair
Ed Steil**

Council Member

**Debbie Dalhouse Curtis
Neil W. Howard
Milner Lively (incumbent)
Allen D. Piontkowski, Jr.
Paul Wheeler**

Advanced voting began October 16, 2017 at the Rabun County Elections Office, 19 Jo Dotson Circle, Clayton, GA 30525.

On Election Day, November 7, 2017, voting will be held at City Hall, 3444 Hwy 246, Sky Valley, GA 30537.

Melanie Durpo withdrew her name from the ballot, however ballots were already printed and her name still appears. Any votes cast for Melanie will not be counted. Please be aware of this.

Sky to Summit 2016 – 50k and 25k November 11th and 12th

The Georgia Sky to Summit 50k promises to be the most scenic 50k race on the east coast. With 20+ miles of untouched single track, two summits of Rabun Bald with 360 degree views of mountains in 3 different states. There is over 14,000 ft. of elevation change. This race starts and finishes in Sky Valley. Race enthusiasts have named Sky Valley as the Mountain Running Capital of Georgia for its plethora of trails withing walking distance from the city.

The Sky to Summit 25k is a run that starts and finishes in Sky Valley, Georgia. Runners will run to the summit of Rabun Bald and then down the backside to some epic water falls. About 3,500 feet of climbing total and the same descent. While most people will be hiking most of the way up, there will still be folks who run the entire thing.

Sky Valley Taxes

The millage rate for the 2016 taxes was set on October 6th. Tax bills have been mailed out. If you purchased property in Sky Valley during this year and you didn't receive a tax notice from the city, please contact Alyssa Mullins at City Hall and she can print you a copy. The tax notice is typically sent to the owner of the property as of January 1 of the current year.

Upcoming Holiday Schedule

The City of Sky Valley will be closed in observance of the following:

Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10th

Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th

Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, November 22nd

Website – www.skyvalleyga.com

Our website is full of a variety of information for visitors and citizens. We have a visitor's guide with information on the area, and we also have the business side including meeting minutes ordinances, forms, permitting requirements, event information, contact information, etc. Last year we had over 34,000 unique visitors to the website. This year, we have had 25,720 unique visitors to the website, including 2,825 during the month of September.

E-Mail and Crisis Communication

The City's e-mail distribution list is used frequently to keep everyone informed during inclement weather and for current events. This is our best way of staying connected with the residents. We currently have 465 e-mails for City News and another 975 for Event and Tourism Information. We also utilize a phone system for relaying urgent information. If you are not on these lists, please contact City Hall or sign up through the City's website home page.

Facebook – www.facebook.com/skyvalleyga

The City's Facebook page has a total of 1,902 followers with 42 new followers added during the month of September. If you have not "liked" us on Facebook yet, please do and suggest our page to all of your Facebook friends. We share information, links, and many pictures on Facebook. We would love to have you share your favorite Sky Valley experiences and pictures on our page.

Visitor Center

Last year we had the opportunity to welcome 2,241 visitors to the City of Sky Valley through our operations at the visitor center. So far, this year, we have greeted 1,402 people, including 161 during the month of September. Our longest distance travelers last month came from Missouri, the Bahamas, England, Illinois, and Texas.

Personal Transportation Vehicles (PTVs)

Registered PTVs through the City are the only legal golf carts that can be used on city streets outside of a designated cart lane. Please visit the city's website at www.skyvalleyga.com for required safety equipment, application and PTV regulations.

Short-term Rentals

Short Term Rentals - It is mandatory that every person engaging in short-term home rentals of 10 days or less register with the city clerk. If you have not done this yet, I urge you to contact City Hall immediately. Each rental within the City limits of Sky Valley is required to submit a monthly tax return by the 20th of the month for rentals during the previous month. An operator who fails to make timely returns will be assessed penalties and interest. Failure to register your vacation rental or collect the required tax may subject you to a fine of up to \$300 per offense.

Every operator renting guest rooms in the city shall preserve, for a minimum of three years, all rental documentation. Such documents may be audited periodically by the City Clerk or an authorized representative.

Housing & Development & Code Enforcement

Grass, Weeds, Trees & Other Vegetation

Weeds or grass allowed to grow to a height greater than 12 inches on average, or any accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush, that may provide safe harborage for rats, mice, snakes and other vermin constitutes a public nuisance.

Trees, shrubs, bushes and other vegetation that obstructs the safe passage or line-of-sight of motorists or pedestrians at an intersection or driveway connection with a public street or along any street also constitutes a public nuisance.

The City receives complaints from time to time of these types of nuisances on private property. If we find that there is a public nuisance that exists in violation of our ordinances, our Code Enforcement Officer will write the property owner a letter advising them of the nuisance and giving them notice to abate the nuisance. If necessary, the City will file an action in the municipal court to abate the nuisance. Please understand that this process takes time.

Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Similar Vehicles

All motor homes, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, boats and similar items may be stored inside a residence, garage or carport of any home or business as long as the item is entirely enclosed, covered and out of site. Otherwise, such items may be parked at a Sky Valley residence for no more than forty-eight hours for the purpose of unloading and loading.

Permitting & Inspections

Building Permits

The building inspector wants to remind everyone that work done on your home may likely require a permit. The inspector has come across a number of jobs that did not have the appropriate permits. When in doubt, please contact the Building Inspector's Office or City Hall. If you are found to be doing work without a permit, your first offense will subject you to a penalty fee equal to double the cost of the permit, a \$50 minimum. The homeowner is ultimately responsible for making sure his/her contractors obtain the necessary permits. Permits are required for, but not limited to, all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, soil & erosion, roofing, decking, stairs, concrete, tree cutting, additions and remodeling. Many repair permits have no cost associated with them but are still required and will still be subject to the penalty fee if they are not properly obtained.

Tree Cutting Permits

Please don't forget that any tree with a trunk that is 8" or more in diameter (25" or more in circumference) at 18" above the ground requires a permit for cutting, trimming & topping.

Please note that native shrubbery, trees and undergrowth such as mountain laurel, rhododendron, rare wildflowers, ferns, etc. are protected within the City of Sky Valley. Clear cutting or the removal of all trees or native vegetation is prohibited in excess of a 10' x 10' area without a permit.

You are permitted to remove limbs from a tree up to twelve feet above the ground without a permit. If you had to obtain a permit to cut, it would not qualify for city chipping service. Contractors are responsible for the removal of all tree cuttings and debris within fourteen days.

Roads

Paving

The road paving project has been completed except for shoulder building, hydro-seeding and striping.

Chipping Service

Homeowner chipping service is done as needed. Please call City Hall to arrange for pick-up. The City provides 15 minutes of chipping service to every homeowner each month as a part of your garbage bill. Chipping service is then provided at a rate of \$100/hour for any time exceeding the first 15 minutes. Cuttings must be less than 8" in diameter and must be stacked in one direction on the right-of-way, out of the road and not in an area that will block culverts or otherwise impede storm water drainage. We cannot chip small yard debris, vines, thorn bushes, small shrubbery clippings, railroad ties, landscape timbers, or similar type items. The chipping service is designed for limbs and small trees only. All other yard waste must be bagged.

Leaves and Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste is collected separately from household garbage. Yard waste shall be placed for pickup within 5 feet of the roadway. Leaves must be bagged for pick-up. Please call City Hall for all yard debris pick-up.

Mulch

Mulch from our chipping service is available for purchase from the City for \$25 per load delivered.

City Park

Walking Path

The City Council has appropriated funds to lengthen the walking path in the park across from the mail facility. Construction of a bridge is under consideration by the Council which, if approved, would complete the loop.

Pickleball Courts

Two Pickleball Courts have been completed for public use in the park adjacent to the mail facility. The Courts will be open from 8 AM until dark. Please wear court shoes and bring your own playing equipment and water bottles.

Pavilion

The community pavilion and restrooms at the park between the mail facility and the pickleball courts have been completed and are now available for public use.

Police

The Police Chief would like to remind everyone that the non-emergency number for the police department should not be used in the case of an emergency. Please call 911 so that all responding agencies can get the necessary information through the dispatch center without delay.

The police responded to 9 emergency 911 calls, performed 10 welfare checks, assisted 20 residents and escorted 4 visitors among the total 780 calls and requests for service. They also logged 3,359 miles patrolling the city.

Water

GA Environmental Protection Division has recently completed a Sanitary Survey of the Sky Valley Water System. An on-site review of the City's water sources, tanks, pump stations, record keeping and maintenance of the water system was evaluated for adequacy in producing and distributing safe drinking water. A tank maintenance program is required and will be put out to bid beginning in 2018. Additional well maintenance was requested for Wells 3 and 8 including painting of the casing. We will also be establishing a Site Sample Plan for RTCR sampling and a Standard Operating Procedure for the Water System.

Don't forget that we offer automated bank draft for water/garbage billings. Please contact Alyssa Mullins at City Hall to sign up for this service. Remember, your account will automatically be drafted for the total amount due each month. You will still receive a paper bill so that you can continue to audit the water usage and billing amount each month.

Any vacated residence detected using water by the City will be assumed to have faulty plumbing internally. Upon this assumption, the City will turn off the water to prevent additional damage to the property and attempt to contact the property owner. With the cold weather, several homeowners have experienced broken water lines in their yards and damages to their homes. We cannot emphasize enough that you should have your homeowner valve adjacent to the meter shut off when you are going to be away. If you are unable to turn off/on the valve by yourself, the City offers this service for \$10.00.

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Sewer

The feasibility study for the sewer project is still underway. The engineers are finalizing a cost estimate and preliminary design. This is a study being prepared by Engineering Management Inc. and funded jointly by the City and Rabun County.

Solid Waste

Household garbage is collected on Monday and recycling on Thursday. Garbage and recycling must be put out by 8 AM on collection day. Don't forget that garbage should not be placed out for pick-up any earlier than the morning of the service. Animals scatter garbage even when put in the underground cans. Our garbage collectors are not responsible for picking up any garbage that is not properly bagged once they arrive. The compactor at the tractor barn on Knob Drive can be utilized when you need to take your garbage somewhere prior to a garbage collection day. This is especially important when your garbage contains food items. NO garbage other than regular bagged household garbage should be put out by the road or in any dumpster or compactor.

Please note, if you use underground cans and they are in disrepair, you will need to discontinue their use or replace them. We have a constant problem with untied bags and loose trash in the underground cans. If you are using an underground can, you should have a removable liner that can be lifted out of the can. If you do not have the liner, you will need to discontinue use until replaced. This is for the safety of our garbage collectors.

Any contractors or residents found dumping lumber, carpeting, paint, furniture, appliances, or any other non-bagged household garbage in the dumpsters or compactor will be cited and fined up to \$1,000. Construction debris and other such items should be hauled to the transfer station on Boggs Mountain Road in Tiger.

Reduce... Reuse... Recycle...

Reduce the amount and toxicity of trash you throw away

Reuse containers and products

Recycle as much as possible and buy products with recycled content



100 GENERAL FUND

Account	Description	Current Year				Variance	%
		Current Month	Current YTD	Budget			
Revenue							
310000	TAXES	6,642.82	1,047,740.77	1,065,650.00	-17,909.23	98	
320000	LICENSES & PERMITS	1,400.00	7,940.00	13,800.00	-5,860.00	58	
330000	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE		14,453.22	36,450.00	-21,996.78	40	
340000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	260.70	5,549.02	10,600.00	-5,050.98	52	
350000	FINES & FORFEITS		3,243.77	8,000.00	-4,756.23	41	
360000	INVESTMENT INCOME	93.57	1,196.33	1,500.00	-303.67	80	
370000	CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	1,200.00	20,100.00	20,000.00	100.00	101	
380000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	2,637.07	23,141.31	24,348.00	-1,206.69	95	
	Total Revenue	12,234.16	1,123,364.42	1,180,348.00	-56,983.58	95	
Expenses							
410000	LEGISLATIVE		7,348.30	10,800.00	3,451.70	68	
413000	EXECUTIVE		2,504.13	3,500.00	995.87	72	
414000	ELECTIONS	223.92	351.92	4,790.00	4,438.08	7	
415000	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	12,904.85	162,233.86	217,440.00	55,206.14	75	
415650	GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	4,264.62	35,230.41	52,260.00	17,029.59	67	
420000	JUDICIAL	231.44	3,067.73	4,915.00	1,847.27	62	
432000	POLICE	19,663.64	237,948.57	304,795.00	66,846.43	78	
435000	FIRE		29,212.50	61,225.00	32,012.50	48	
442000	ROADS	213,656.18	481,412.35	582,903.00	101,490.65	83	
461000	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES/EVENTS	324.87	13,407.13	30,000.00	16,592.87	45	
462000	PARKS	43,295.06	130,608.77	178,462.00	47,853.23	73	
470000	HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT	1,360.37	30,303.89	40,380.00	10,076.11	75	
475000	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	4,321.27	37,361.26	54,045.00	16,683.74	69	
490000	OTHER FINANCING USES			25,750.00	25,750.00		
	Total Expenses	300,246.22	1,170,990.82	1,571,265.00	400,274.18	75	
	Net Income from Operations		-288,012.06		-47,626.40		
Other Revenue							
390000	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		10,415.63	6,000.00	4,415.63	174	
	Total Other Revenue	0.00	10,415.63	6,000.00	4,415.63	174	
	Net Income		-288,012.06		-37,210.77		

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505 WATER FUND

Account	Description	Current Year				%
		Current Month	Current YTD	Budget	Variance	
	Revenue					
340000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	36,167.41	298,459.97	389,900.00	-91,440.03	77
360000	INVESTMENT INCOME	72.65	675.87	1,000.00	-324.13	68
	Total Revenue	36,240.06	299,135.84	390,900.00	-91,764.16	77
	Expenses					
444000	WATER	26,081.89	248,178.84	405,900.00	157,721.16	61
	Total Expenses	26,081.89	248,178.84	405,900.00	157,721.16	61
	Net Income from Operations	10,158.17	50,957.00			
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545 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

Account	Description	Current Year			
		Current Month	Current YTD	Budget	Variance %
Revenue					
340000	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	15,942.01	145,419.79	193,200.00	-47,780.21 75
	Total Revenue	15,942.01	145,419.79	193,200.00	-47,780.21 75
Expenses					
445000	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	12,659.60	106,805.89	193,200.00	86,394.11 55
	Total Expenses	12,659.60	106,805.89	193,200.00	86,394.11 55
	Net Income from Operations	3,282.41	38,613.90		
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POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY LOG

INCIDENT	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2017 YTD	2016		2015		2014
														Incomplete Data	Incomplete Data	Incomplete Data	Complete	
Fire	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0			7	6	4	10		
Medical Emergency	9	6	3	3	5	3	4	5	5	5			43	52	21	35		
Vehicle Accident	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	3	3			12	19	13	7		
Family Violence	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0			4	0	2	1		
Fight/Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	2	0	1		
Death/Suicide	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1			4	2	0	3		
Missing Person	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0			10	6	2	6		
Burglary/Break-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			1	7	1	1		
Theft	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	6	3	4		
Suspicious Activity	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0			6	8	14	26		
Suspicious Person	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	3	1	1			14	7	3	4		
Suspicious Vehicle	3	0	2	0	6	4	0	2	3	3			20	10	5	24		
Alarm	0	4	3	1	3	3	1	0	1	1			16	23	0	12		
Investigation	13	5	5	7	4	6	9	4	1	1			54	162	0	3		
DUI/Public Drunk	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	0	0	0		
Drug Related	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0		
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	4	0	0		
Traffic Control	3	2	3	2	5	7	7	9	2	2			40	41	20	14		
Traffic Stop	6	5	2	3	8	7	20	21	10	10			82	189	31	19		
Mutual Aid	3	6	3	5	6	5	1	8	1	1			38	45	9	38		
Animal	1	1	8	2	16	18	24	45	9	9			124	117	30	29		
Lost & Found	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0			3	18	0	6		
Complaint	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0			5	3	13	16		
City Ord. Violation	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0			9	8	1	2		
Resident Assist	51	16	13	9	20	16	25	13	20	20			183	312	16	18		
Residence Check	679	526	409	384	315	299	367	344	447	447			3770	1299	36	0		
Business Check	166	162	211	236	180	255	290	257	246	246			2003	820	0	0		
Welfare Check	35	32	23	14	19	11	8	3	10	10			155	90	9	11		
Visitor Escort	13	4	5	5	4	4	6	6	4	4			51	190	22	34		
Vehicle Assist	6	3	0	4	5	1	6	5	4	4			34	80	36	70		
Arrests	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0			3	8	1	5		
Warnings	3	7	0	2	5	7	16	14	11	11			65	121	4	3		
Citations	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	0	0			11	93	3	9		
Total Calls	1006	787	693	679	613	657	801	753	780	0	0	0	6769	3748	140	561		
911 Calls	10	12	8	4	14	9	4	5	9				75	69	0	90		
Mileage	4049	3269	3253	3756	3805	3447	3672	3935	3359				32545	34929	18152	37039		

Housing & Development Departmental Data Report	For month ending September 30, 2017		
	September 2017	YTD	2016 YTD
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	1	1
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	11	83	72
Certificates of Occupancy issued	1	1	0
Total New Construction not yet finalized	0		0
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	7		6
Notices to Comply issued	0	0	0
Stop Work Orders issued	0	0	0
Tree Cutting permits issued	5	72	75
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	0	0
Fees Collected			
	September 2017	YTD	2016 YTD
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$875.00	\$3,325.00	\$5,322.22
Tree Cutting Permits	\$525.00	\$2,765.00	\$3,915.00
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,100.00

**Totals Report For 2014 Taxes
September 2017
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2014 Ad Valorem Tax	953,344.25	948,356.10	4,890.29-	97.86
Interest	1792.18	1767.17	0	25.01
Penalty	1387.45	1377.66	0	9.79
Costs	940.00	918.00	0	22.00
Totals	957,463.88	952,418.93	4890.29-	154.66

Collected: 99.98 %

**Totals Report For 2015 Taxes
September 2017
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2015 Ad Valorem Tax	945099.76	944,848.33	467.14+	718.57
Interest	2222.14	2105.02	0	117.12
Penalty	1627.68	1555.83	0	71.85
Costs	4036.00	3640.00	0	396.00
Totals	952,985.58	952,149.18	467.14+	1303.54

Collected: 99.92%

**Totals Report For 2016 Taxes
September 2017
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2016 Ad Valorem Tax	943,040.34	939,934.63	(-2,626.45)	479.26
Interest	1048.59	1022.92		25.67
Penalty	414.93	397.07		17.86
Costs	7150.31	6071.38		1078.93
Totals	951,654.17	947,426.00	(-2,626.45)	1601.72

Collected: 99.94%

**Totals Report For 2017 Taxes
September 2017
Tax Commissioner**

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2017 Ad Valorem Tax	942,962.54	110,866.78		832,095.76
Interest				
Penalty				
Costs				
Totals	942,962.54	110,866.78		832,095.76

Collected 12%

BID COMPARISON

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

	Bridges to the Other Side	Clayton Welding & Supply	Clarence Redden	Fifth Room	Bridge Brothers (engineered)
QUOTE	16,820	9,066	12,700	16,698	50,061
FOOTINGS	Included	2,000	Included	2,000	2,000
INSTALLATION	Included	Included	Included	5,500	5,500
TOTAL	16,820	12,066	12,700	23,698	57,561
OTHER	10 year warranty				



Bid # 1

BRIDGES

TO THE OTHER SIDE, INC

October 25, 2017

Sky Valley

Proposal, 34' pedestrian bridge

Bridges To The Other Side, Inc. proposes to fabricate and install one pedestrian bridge per the following specifications:

34' overall length X 5' (4' clear width between railings) 85 PSF load rating; 3,000 psi Concrete foundation, bearing pads and foundation bolts; New, unused steel beam superstructure; 3 X 8 pressure treated decking; Safety railing of treated with 4 X 6 posts, 2 X 6 horizontal rail top and bottom, 2 X 6 cap rail and pickets with less than 4" openings- all lumber treated to .40 PCF with 40-60 life; All hot-dipped galvanized hardware. Level elevation with roadside pathway.

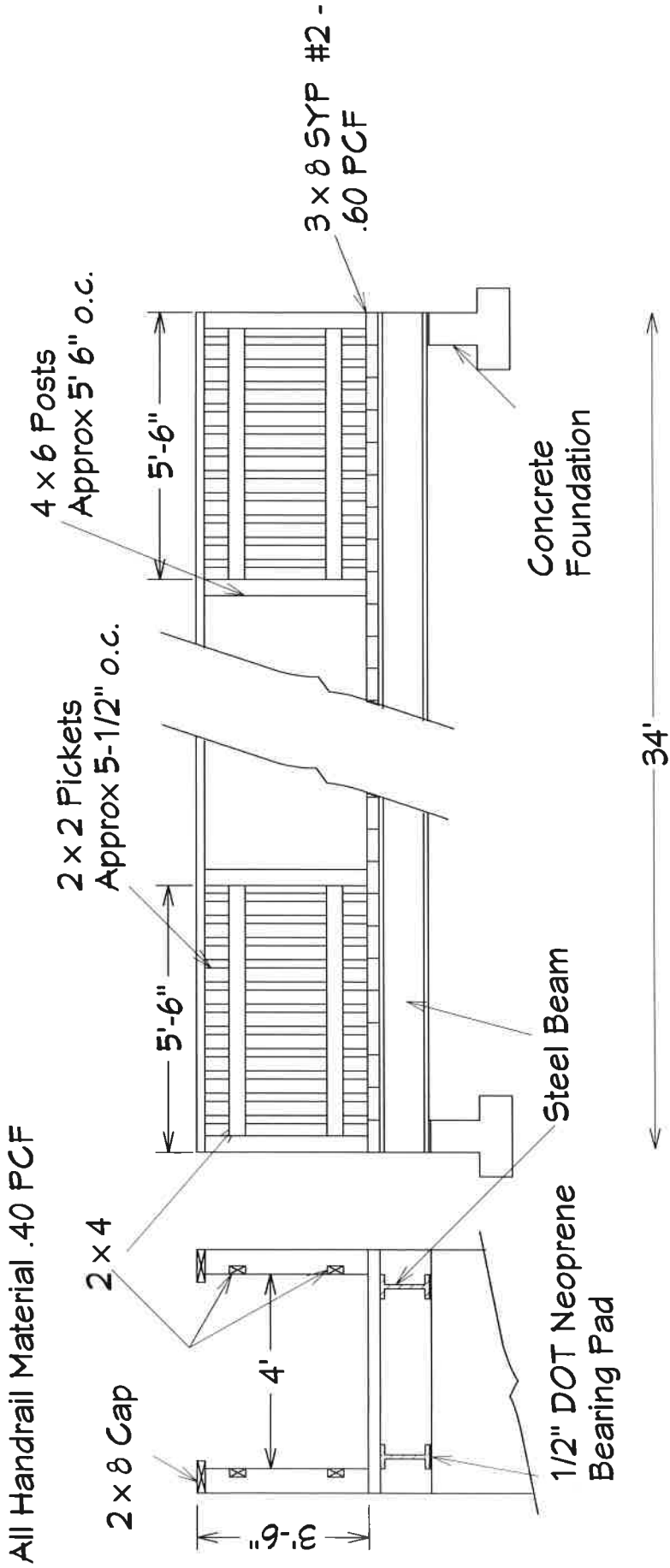
Ten-year warranty on all workmanship and materials by BTTOS, Inc.

Lump sum Quotation: \$16,820

25% to contract, 25% when work commences on site, balance on completion. Permits, taxes and/or fees, if any, by owner. Quotation good for 15 days. Subject to utility location.

Ron Salzer	Date	Accepted by	Date
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PO Box 417, 150 Matheson Cove Road, Hayesville, NC 28904
 Toll Free: 866-888-8849
 Mobile: 770-654-1985 Fax: 828-389-1888
www.bridgestotheotherside.com
ron@bridgestotheotherside.com





Bid 2

Clayton Welding

Bobby Ramey

Bridge 32-35' long, 4 foot wide, 6" I-Beams with 34" handrails. 3/16 checker plate floor

Painted with installation

\$9,065.68

Clayton Welding & Supply Inc.

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WORK ORDER

Phone: 706-782-3431

Fax: 706-782-0039

1265 Hwy. 76 West

Clayton, GA 30525

claytonwelding@windstream.net

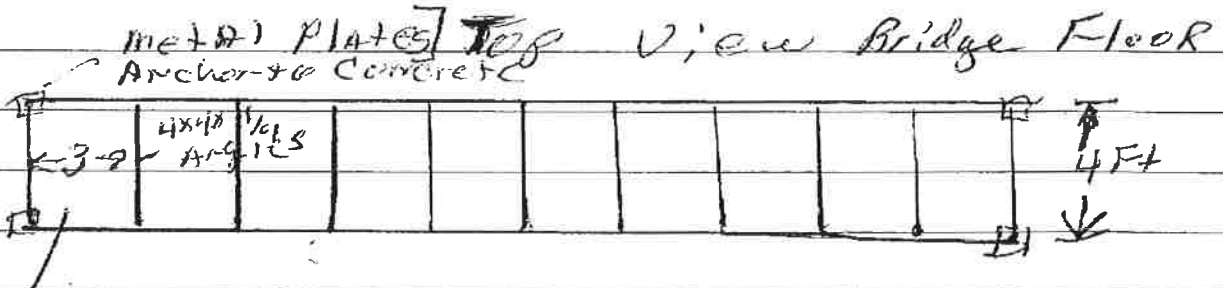
Name Sky Valley Walk Bridge Date 8/17/17

Address Hughel This is PLAN Roughly Time Started _____
I Drew out Time Finished _____

Phone # _____

Work Performed

2 ea 35 FT W8X28 Beams Longer



4x4 x 1/4 ANGLE EVERY 3 FT

4 FT WALK WAY will be Covered With 3/16 Checker

Plate & weld To Frame of W8X28 Beams

Handrails will be welded to Bridge with

Posts Every 8 Ft, for Hand Rails 1 1/4 Pipe

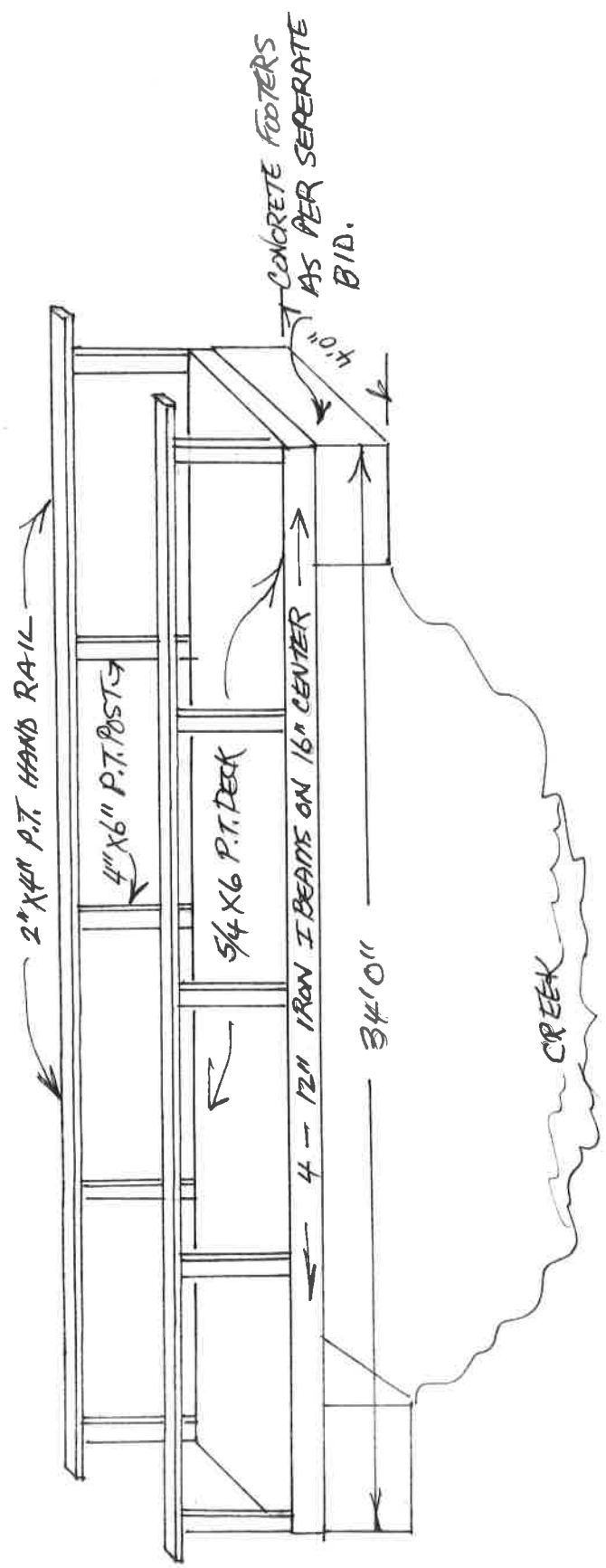
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18500.00 material Deposite Required to Start Project.

Work Performed By: X Total Travel Time _____

Employee Name: _____

WALKING FOOT BRIDGE - Redden



Bid 4

Quote #:	3015743
Date:	9/29/2017
Good Until:	10/29/2017

Quote:

Company Name	Hughel Goodgame		
Address			
City	Dillard	State:	GA Zip: 30537
Phone	256 239 0418	Fax:	
Email	hughel@bellsouth.net		

HEAVY DUTY BRIDGE QUOTE
Will Chippich
888-293-2339 x 242
Fax: 1-724-444-5301

Qty	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
1	CUST-FWW - 4' x 36' Double Rail Pedestrian Trail Bridge	\$15,699.00	\$ 15,699.00
	Pine Deck (No Stain)		\$ -
	Pine Railings (No Stain)		\$ -
	No Beam Wrap		\$ -
	Standard Beam Count		\$ -
	Continuous Handrail		\$ -
	Galvanized Hardware		\$ -
	42" High Rails		\$ -
	85 PSF		
	<i>** Delivered as a ready to build kit, but it can be delivered pre-assembled if client has a crane on site</i>		\$ -
			\$ -

Subtotal	\$ 15,699.00
Shipping	\$ 1,998.00
Discount	\$ (999.00)
TOTAL	\$ 16,698.00

Reason For Discount

1/2 Price Shipping

Notes:

Ships As Kit via Motor Freight
Estimated 4 Weeks Delivery
After Order Confirmation

Ship To:

Company Name	Same as Billing		
Address			
City	State:	Zip:	
Phone			



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Date:	9/29/2017
Good Until:	10/29/2017

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1	CUST-FWW - 4' x 36' Double Rail Pedestrian Trail Bridge	\$15,699.00	\$ 15,699.00
	Pine Deck (No Stain)		\$ -
	Pine Railings (No Stain)		\$ -
	No Beam Wrap		\$ -
	Standard Beam Count		\$ -
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Phone			



— Checks Accepted by Mail —



8/9 PROJECT 2017
ESTIMATE

**Sky Valley Pedestrian
Bridge**

Sky Valley, GA

**BRIDGE
BROTHERS**

sales@bridgebrothersinc.com

(866) 258.3401

www.bridgebrothersinc.com



PROJECT | Sky Valley Pedestrian +
COMPANY | City of Sky Valley
CONTACT | Linda Lapeyrouse
DATE | August 9, 2017

BRIDGE DETAILS

Bridge Length	32'	Bridge Width	4'
Vehicle Loading	N/A	Live Load	90psf
Truss Style	Pratt	Splice(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decking Type	PT Pine	Elevation Change	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATTRIBUTES

Railing Style	Horizontal	Railing Height	42"
Weight	~ 5,155 lbs	Rubrail	N/A
Bridge Finish	Weathered	GA PE Stamp Design Package	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Abutment Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anchor Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Freight Cost	\$ 2,350.00
Project Cost	\$ 47,711.00

PROJECT ESTIMATE

\$ 50,061.00

Additional Info:

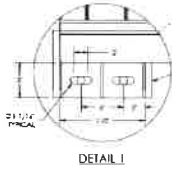
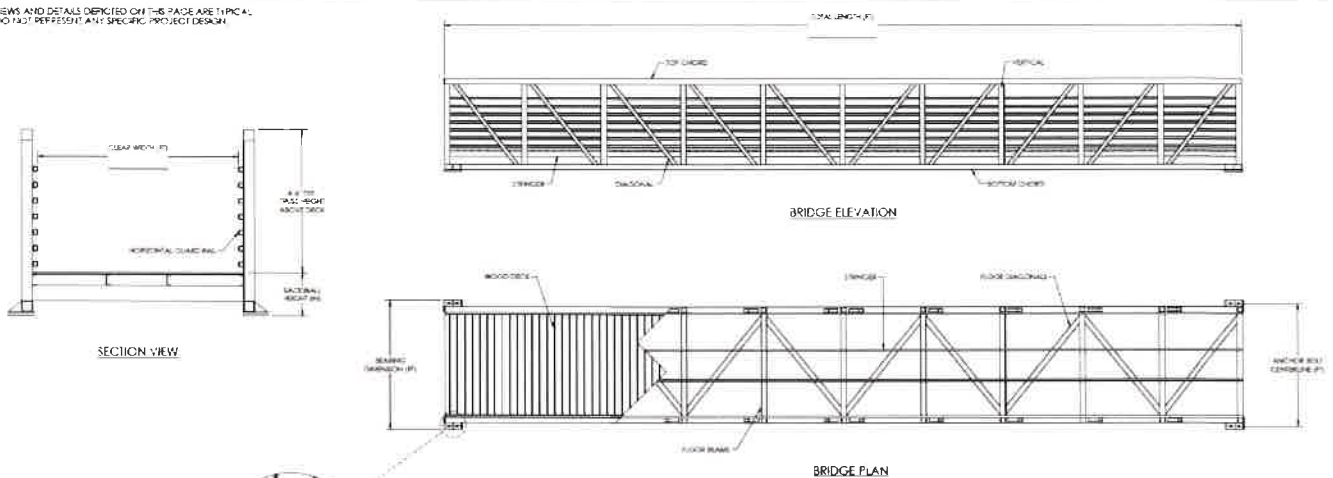
Lead Times: 3 Weeks = Engineering & PE Stamped Calculation Package
8 Weeks = Site Construction & Bridge Erection

Bridge Brothers Inc.
57 Old Ivy Square NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

This proposal is based on the information provided and cannot be used to place an order. This proposal does not include sales tax, unloading cost, bridge erection or construction cost.



THE VIEWS AND DETAILS DEPICTED ON THIS PAGE ARE TYPICAL AND DO NOT REPRESENT ANY SPECIFIC PROJECT DESIGN.



- GENERAL NOTES:**
1. DEBUR ALL EXPOSED WELDS WHICH MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH PEDESTRIANS
 2. BRIDGE BEARINGS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AT SAME LEVEL
 3. BRIDGE BEARING PADS SHALL BE NEOPRENE OR TEFLOW COATED STEEL AND SHALL BE SHIPPED LOOSE FROM BRIDGE
 4. ANCHOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION SHALL BE BY OTHERS - NO RESPONSIBILITY ACCEPTED FOR WORK BY OTHERS
 5. BRIDGE INSTALLATION SHALL BE BY OTHERS - NO RESPONSIBILITY ACCEPTED FOR WORK BY OTHERS
 6. BRIDGE MAY BE CAMBERED DURING FABRICATION TO OFFSET DEAD LOAD DISPLACEMENT
 7. STEEL COMPONENTS SHALL BE MILL FINISH
 8. HSS SQUARE & RECTANGULAR TUBING SHALL BE ASTM A847 (YIELD 50KSI MINIMUM)
 9. PLATE, ANGLE, & CHANNEL SHALL BE ASTM A588 (YIELD 50KSI MINIMUM)
 10. MECHANICAL SPLICE FASTENERS SHALL BE ASTM A325
 11. STEEL WELDING SHALL CONFORM TO AWS D1.1
 12. ALL EXPOSED SURFACES OF TRUSS & DECK FRAME SHALL BE BLAST CLEANED PRIOR TO SHIPPING

REV.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
A.		



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 PRELIMINARY DRAWING

SCALE: N/A

BRIDGE REACTIONS			
	Z (DOWN)	Y (DOWN)	X (LEFT)
DEAD LOAD	---	---	---
VEHICLE LOAD (10,000 LBS)	---	---	---
LIVE LOAD (W 90PSF)	---	---	---
HORIZONTAL WIND (W 46,2PSF)	---	---	---
OVERSTANDING WIND (W 20PSF)	---	---	---
THERMAL (COEFF. OF FRICTION 0.2)	---	---	---

BRIDGE LIFTING WEIGHT =
 THERMAL EXPANSION (BASED ON A SEASONAL TEMPERATURE VARIATION OF 120°F)
 Z = VERTICAL LOAD @ EACH BEARING PLATE (4 TOTAL)
 Y = HORIZONTAL LOAD @ EACH FOOTING (2 PER BRIDGE, 1 @ EACH END)
 X = LONGITUDINAL LOAD @ EACH KING BEARING PLATE (2 PER BRIDGE)

SHIPPING WEIGHT =

JANE GORE

Request to be reimbursed for personally paying to complete paving of the original section of Spicewood Lane (previously Slope Lane) in the amount of \$2369.48.

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, citizens and civic organizations come together to help beautify our community each year; and

WHEREAS, willing members of the Sky Valley Garden Club consistently pool their creative talents to decorate the city with beautiful fall displays; and

WHEREAS, the hay bales painted by Hollie Steil and the fall displays put together by members of the Garden Club continue to surpass all expectations year after year and are unmatched in originality creating a true icon for the community; and

WHEREAS, Hollie Steil and the Sky Valley Garden Club should be commended for their commitment and efforts in helping to enhance the beauty of Sky Valley for its residents and by encouraging visitors to come our City to share in the unique photo opportunities created by these colorful and festive displays of fall, ultimately introducing visitors to the natural magnificence of our valley and mountain vistas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hughel Goodgame, Mayor of the City of Sky Valley, hereby proclaim the week of October 23 – October 27, 2017 as;

SKY VALLEY GARDEN CLUB APPRECIATION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Sky Valley, Georgia on this 24th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

HUGHEL GOODGAME, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELLA FAST, CITY CLERK

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, residents with special interests and talents are called on to volunteer their time and expertise to represent the City of Sky Valley on important county-wide boards; and

WHEREAS, Laura Gurley has served on the Rabun County Tourism Development Authority for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Laura Gurley is currently serving as the Chairman of the Rabun County Tourism Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, we want to express our gratitude to Laura Gurley for her outstanding public service to the County and the City of Sky Valley; and

WHEREAS, Laura Gurley should be applauded for her commitment to the organization and hosting of the historic Total Solar Eclipse event that brought thousands of people to Rabun County.

WHEREAS, Laura Gurley has managed to give freely of her time to serve on this Board and make sure Sky Valley has been properly represented and included in the marketing efforts of Rabun County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hughel Goodgame, Mayor of the City of Sky Valley, hereby proclaim October 21st, as a day to honor Laura Gurley for her outstanding commitment to tourism within Rabun County and the City of Sky Valley.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Sky Valley, Georgia on this 24th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

HUGHEL GOODGAME, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELLA FAST, CITY CLERK

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, citizens are called on to volunteer their time and expertise to represent the City of Sky Valley on important county-wide boards; and

WHEREAS, Ray Becker has represented the City of Sky Valley since 2015 and continues to serve as the Sky Valley Board Member of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, we want to express our gratitude to Ray Becker for his outstanding public service; and

WHEREAS, As a prominent leader, Ray Becker has managed to give freely of his time to serve of this Board and make sure Sky Valley has been properly represented in the movement to consolidate water and sewer services for all of Rabun County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hughel Goodgame, Mayor of the City of Sky Valley, hereby proclaim October 31, as a day to honor Mr. Ray Becker for his outstanding public service to the City of Sky Valley.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Sky Valley, Georgia on this 24th day of October, 2017.

CITY OF SKY VALLEY

HUGHEL GOODGAME, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELLA FAST, CITY CLERK

Ordinance No. 13-03

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 11-01 AND TO REPLACE IT WITH AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES OF PROCEDURE, PUBLIC ACCESS, AND ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ALL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Section 2.22 of the Charter of the City of Sky Valley provides for the adoption of rules of procedure and order of business; and,

WHEREAS, well-organized meetings allow a City Council to reach decisions in a fair and consistent manner; and,

WHEREAS, efficiency is served when the process of planning for and conducting public meetings is clearly stated and understood by public officials and citizens; and,

WHEREAS, public participation and access to the governmental decision-making process is a key element of our democratic system; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, The City of Sky Valley hereby ordains that all meetings of the City Council of the City of Sky Valley shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these rules of procedure and organization ordinance.

Section 1. Open Meetings. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the requirements set forth in this ordinance are in addition to the provisions of § 50-14-1 et seq. of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and all meetings of the City Council shall be held in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act as it existed or as amended.

Section 2. Executive Sessions. Executive sessions of the Mayor and City Council may be held as provided by law.

(a) Non-Exempt Topics. If a Councilor attempts to discuss a non-exempt topic during an executive session, the presiding officer shall immediately rule that Councilor out of order and such discussion shall cease. If the Councilor persists in discussing the non-exempt topic, the chairperson shall adjourn the meeting immediately.

(b) Procedure For Entering Into Executive Sessions. No executive session shall be held except pursuant to a majority affirmative vote of the City Council taken in a public meeting. The minutes of the public meeting shall reflect the names of the Councilors present, those voting for the executive session, and the specific

reasons for the executive session. All votes taken on items discussed in executive session shall be taken in an open meeting.

(c) Executive Session Minutes. The Mayor or designee of the Mayor will provide an outline of the subject matter of the executive session. This outline shall be maintained in a confidential file and shall not be subject to disclosure except as otherwise provided by law.

(d) Executive Session Affidavit. The Mayor or other presiding officer and all Councilors present shall execute an affidavit stating, under oath, that the executive session was devoted to topics exempt from the public access requirements. The affidavit shall include the specific exemption to the open meetings law. The affidavit shall be filed with the minutes of the open meeting.

Section 3. Visual and Sound Recordings. Visual, sound, and visual and sound recordings shall be permitted for all public hearings.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum must be present for conducting meetings of the Council. A quorum is any four members of the City Council. It is the duty of the Mayor to enforce this rule. Any Councilor may raise a point of order directed to the Mayor if he or she believes that a quorum is not present. If, during the course of a meeting, a Councilor or Councilors leave and a quorum no longer exists, the meeting may not continue. If a quorum is not attained within thirty minutes, the meeting may be rescheduled by the Mayor with the approval of the Councilors present.

Section 5. Mayor. The Mayor of the City Council, as presiding officer, is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting. In order to fulfill this duty, the Mayor shall enforce the rules of procedure that are adopted by the City Council. The Mayor shall be impartial and conduct the meetings in a fair manner. The Mayor is a part of the legislative body and is authorized to vote on all issues before the council.

Section 6. Council President. The Council shall select a Council President from the Council members at the beginning of each calendar year. The Council President shall fulfill the duties of the Mayor if the Mayor is not in attendance.

Section 7. Presiding Officer. If the Mayor and the Council President are absent or otherwise unable to serve as presiding officer at a meeting and a quorum of Councilors is present, the remaining Councilors shall select a Councilor to serve as presiding officer of the meeting until either the Mayor or Council President is present at the meeting.

Section 8. Parliamentarian. The city attorney shall serve as the parliamentarian for City Council meetings.

Section 9. Order of Motions; Rules of Order.

(a) When a question, motion or resolution is before the Council, the following chart of precedence of motions and summary of rules governing them:

(b) Except as herein provided, the proceedings of the Council shall be governed by

Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

Section 10. Suspending the Rules of Order. Rules of order may be suspended in the case of an emergency. A motion to suspend the rules requires a second, is debatable, and requires a two-thirds vote of the Council. Rules governing quorums (Section 4), voting methods and requirements (Section 17 and Section 18), the notification to Councilors of meetings (Section 12(a) and (b)) and rules necessary for compliance with state law may not be suspended; provided, however, that, in the event that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor or other authorized state official, the Council may waive time-consuming procedures and formalities imposed by state law.

Section 11. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the City Council shall be set at the first meeting of each year. All regular meetings shall be held at City Hall or a location otherwise designated by the City Council. A notice containing the foregoing information shall be posted and maintained in a conspicuous place available to the general public at City Hall.

Section 12. Meetings Other Than Regular Meetings. The Council may meet at times and locations other than those regularly scheduled meetings.

(a) Special Meetings and Rescheduled Regular Meetings. A regular meeting may be canceled, rescheduled or moved to a new location within the city by the Mayor for any reason. Other special meetings may be scheduled by the Mayor or at the request of at least three Councilors. Whenever a rescheduled regular meeting or any other special meeting is to be held at a time or place other than the regularly scheduled time or place, written notice of the change shall be posted for at least 24 hours at City Hall. In addition, written or oral notice shall be given by the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to either the legal organ of the city or a newspaper having general circulation at least equal to that of the legal organ, as well as to each member of the city governing authority.

(b) Meetings With Less Than 24 Hours Notice. When emergency circumstances occur, the Council may hold a meeting with less than 24 hours notice to the public. When such meetings are to be held, the Clerk shall provide notice to the legal organ of the city or a newspaper with a general circulation at least equal to that of the legal organ and to each member of the city governing authority as soon as possible. The notice shall include the subjects expected to be considered at the meeting. In addition, the minutes shall reflect the reason for the emergency meeting and the nature of the notice given to the media.

(c) Meetings During a State of Emergency. When it is imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to hold Council meetings at the regular meeting place due to emergency or disaster resulting from manmade or natural causes, as declared by the Governor or other authorized state official, the Council may meet anywhere within or outside of the city. Such a meeting may be called by the Mayor or by any three Councilors. At the meeting, the Councilors shall establish and designate emergency temporary meeting locations where public business may be transacted during the emergency. Any action taken in such meetings shall have the same effect as if performed at the regular meeting site.

Section 13. Order of Business. All regular Council meetings shall substantially follow an established order of business. The order shall be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Mayor's Remarks
- Council Remarks
- Invited guests
- Department Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Tabled Items
- Public Form and General Comments
- Adjournment

Section 14. Agenda. The City Clerk, with the advice of the City Manager, Mayor, and Councilors, shall prepare an agenda of subjects to be acted on for each meeting. Agenda items shall be submitted to the City Clerk two weeks prior to the regular Council meeting. The agenda for regular council meetings shall be made available one week prior to the regular Council meeting, and at least one business day before any other scheduled Council meeting

(a) Requests For Agenda Items. Members of the public may request that a particular subject be placed on the agenda for a meeting. To be considered, this request shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk and received at least two weeks prior to a regular Council meeting.

(b) Changing The Agenda. The order or addition of any new items to the agenda may be done prior to the adoption of the agenda by a majority vote of the Council. A change in order or additions of any new items may be added to the agenda *during a meeting* by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

(c) Agenda Must Be Made Public. The agenda of all matters to come before the Council shall be made available to the public upon request and shall be posted at City Hall as far in advance as reasonably possible, but not more than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 15. Decorum. All Councilors shall conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner. All remarks shall be directed to the Mayor and not to individual Councilors, staff, or citizens in attendance. Personal remarks are inappropriate and may be ruled out of order. A Councilor may not speak at a meeting until he or she has been recognized by the Mayor. All

comments made by a Councilor shall address the motion that is being discussed. The Mayor shall enforce these rules of decorum. If a Councilor believes that a rule has been broken, he or she may raise a point of order. A second is not required. The Mayor may rule on the question or may allow the Council to debate the issue and decide by majority vote.

Section 16. Voting. Passage of a motion shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of Councilors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Unless otherwise specified in these procedures, a majority shall exclude abstentions. When a two-thirds majority is specified, a majority vote shall mean at least two-thirds of the Councilors present excluding abstentions.

Section 17. Silence is Consent. Those Council members who do not vote agree to go along with the decision of the majority by their silence.

Section 18. Abstentions. A Councilor shall vote on all motions unless he or she has a conflict of interest preventing him or her from making a decision in a fair and legal manner. If a conflict of interest does exist, the Councilor shall explain for the record his or her decision to abstain on any vote.

Section 19. Public Participation. Public participation in meetings of the City Council shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(a) Public Comments. All members of the public wishing to address the Council during the period of the meeting designated as "Public Forum and General Comments," or at such other time as a majority of the Council shall allow, or at public hearings on local laws, zoning law and the city budget, or any other time required by state law or City Charter. Speaker must stand, if possible. Speakers are requested to give their name, address and organization, if any. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to five minutes and will be advised by the City Clerk when five minutes have expired. Speakers are requested to conclude their remarks at that time. The "Public Forum/General Comments" period is intended to afford citizens an opportunity to express opinions and to bring important matters to the attention of the Common Council. Although they may, nothing herein shall require the Mayor or the Council to answer questions or engage in debate at any Council meeting. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste. Interested parties or their representatives may address the Council by written communications. Written communications shall be delivered to the City Clerk to be distributed to the Mayor and Council.

(b) Public Participation on Agenda Items. The presiding officer shall allow public comment on an agenda item at the time the item is being considered by the Council. These comments shall be limited to the subject that is being debated. Members of the public may speak for five minutes and may speak only once. These limits may be waived by a majority vote of the Council. Anyone wishing to speak at any Council meeting must be recognized by the Mayor before addressing the Council.

(c) Decorum. Members of the public shall not make inappropriate or offensive comments at a Council meeting and are expected to comply with the rules of decorum that are established for Councilors. Individuals violating any rules of the Council may be ruled out of order by the Mayor or on a point of order made by a Councilor. A majority vote of the Council shall rule on the point out of order. An individual violating the rules of decorum may be removed from the meeting at the direction of the Mayor.

(d) Sergeant at Arms. The Chief of Police, or such member of the Department of Police as the Mayor may designate, shall be Sergeant at Arms at the Council meetings. The Sergeant at Arms shall carry out all orders given by the Mayor for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meetings. On the instruction of the Mayor, the Sergeant at Arms shall remove from the meeting any person who disturbs the proceedings of the Council.

(e) Public Hearings. The Council may schedule public hearings for the purpose of soliciting public comment on any subject of interest to the Council. Hearings may be held immediately prior to, during or following a meeting of the Council or at such other places and times as the Council may determine. Hearings require at least 10 minutes per side. No official action shall be taken at any such public hearing. Hearings on zoning decisions shall be governed in accordance with the zoning policies and procedures.

Section 20. Meeting Summary. A summary list of the subjects acted upon in a meeting and the names of the Councilors present at a meeting shall be written and made available to the public for inspection within two business days of the adjournment of the meeting.

Section 21. Minutes. The City Clerk shall promptly record the minutes for each Council meeting. The minutes shall specify the names of Councilors present at the meeting, a description of each motion or other proposal made at the meeting, the name of the Councilor who proposed each motion, the name of the Councilor who seconded each motion, and a record of all votes. In the case of a roll call vote, the name of each Councilor voting for or against a proposal shall be recorded. It shall be presumed that a Councilor has voted in the affirmative unless the minutes show otherwise. More detailed information may be included in the minutes at the request of the Council.

The official record of the Sky Valley City Council meetings consists of the written meeting minutes approved by a majority vote of the Council. At such time, all other copies of the minutes, including electronic media, will be destroyed. The minutes shall be open for public inspection once approved as official by the Council. A copy of the minutes from the previous meeting shall be distributed to the Councilors at least one business day before the following meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be corrected, if necessary, and approved by the Council at the beginning of each meeting. Conflicts regarding the content of the minutes shall be decided by a majority vote. Upon being approved, the minutes shall be signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk.

Section 22. Committees. The Mayor, with the concurrence of the Council, may create committees of members of the Council to study any issue before the Council. Any such committees may make recommendations to the City Council but no committee shall be empowered to make any final decision on any matter before it for consideration. In addition to Council members, committees may include other city officials, staff or citizens at large. Whenever a committee is created, its duties, any limitation on the scope of its duties, and the times, places, and periods of time for which the committee may operate shall be determined by the Mayor with the concurrence of the Council. The Mayor shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees. Committee meetings shall be open to the public and shall comply with the requirements of this meeting organization ordinance and state law.

Section 23. All ordinances or portion of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.


Section 24. This ordinance will become effective upon adoption by City Council and approval by the Mayor as provided by the Charter of the City of Sky Valley.

It is so ordained and approved by vote of the City Council of the City of Sky Valley this 21st day of October, 2013.

Approved:

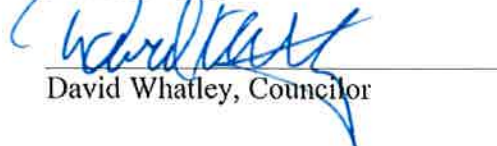

James S. Martindale, Mayor


Neil Howard, Council President


Liz Carr, Councilor


Bob Larsen, Councilor


Maureen Platt, Councilor


David Whatley, Councilor

Attest:


Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk

Read and introduced on the 21st day of October, 2013.

Adopted on the 21st day of October, 2013.

Linda Lapeyrouse

From: Adam Hazell <ahazell@gmrc.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Linda Lapeyrouse
Cc: Joe Rothwell; Daniel Martin
Subject: RE: Covered Bridge
Attachments: 20171012_134151.jpg

Apologies, as I thought someone had already replied to you in this regard.

We looked into what information we could find about the possible history of the structure and, most importantly, investigated the bridge while leaving your event last week. (Thank you for hosting, again!) Based on what we can see it does *not* appear eligible for anything with regard to funding assistance as a historic structure. The construction methodology suggests it is both too young to qualify and has not otherwise been deemed of cultural significance to warrant special consideration. It's in a neat spot and has the veneer of something very charming but architecturally speaking it's not regarded as anything special, plus by the time you'd have brought it up to modern code you would have greatly altered the design such that if it was historic that significance would be greatly compromised in the modernization.

More importantly, in looking at the site and the structure I personally am not completely convinced its resurrection might be the best course of action. Put simply, if you're putting in the time and money to create open public access to the site then you'll also need to ensure of the visitors' safety, at which point I question how well you could do that using the existing structure. We'd have to verify the stability of the piers and the concrete pad, which likely would need extra shoring once you attach a permanent access bridge and alter the creek side for the approaching walkway or other amenity areas. The roof appears in need of repair while the columns themselves might be as much of a risk as an attraction seeing as that's raw timber that's been exposed for so long but only anchored into the concrete pad. It may be perfectly stable but is it strong enough to handle additional railings and much more regular foot traffic? That I'm not equipped to say at the moment.

So, here's what I would recommend at this point.

- First, consult with your attorney and the local building inspector about the real aspects of liability and hazards with opening this area either to the general public or as an amenity area for residents. I'm unsure if there is a difference based on the level of accessibility but we want to make sure about the minimum level of protection necessary on site in order to ensure the City is safe from liability. I say this because this will determine the extent of minimum cost required to bring the site up to par, which will then help dictate if the existing structure itself is viable for such reuse and whether or not the City would encounter any undue risk in opening the site up.

- Next, based on the revelations found from the above I would have someone work with you to conceive the layout for the whole site with regard to the access trail, possible parking, other upstream amenities, screening from the road, etc. This would also entail having a contractor price out the renovations to the bridge. Again, you may not be doing much but if you're serious about this you'll want to again ensure you're protecting the City from liability concerns and limiting the ability of people to come and abuse the property. If you have the means you'll also want to make sure you get it right, in which case how best to maximize the appeal of the whole location, including the approach. This will also help you price out the improvements for future work items.

- Lastly, has the City or anyone given recent, serious consideration to fostering the site as a possible State park or independent destination? I know you mentioned the ideas from the past but I don't know where those left off as business models and what has been explored lately, but it might be that if we found partner agencies/organizations to

help out we could find new ideas and/or the right leverage to have this done to a grand level. At the least, the waterfall has the potential to rival Amicalola if made accessible in similar fashion. Obviously that takes a lot of money and it may not be the direction the City desires, but if the property is available and that idea isn't a non-starter from your perspective it would be worth at least some conversation with the right people.

So, what would you like to do next, and how can we help explore more options?

Adam



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