

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 AT 11:25 A.M. AT THE LODGE, 696 SKY VALLEY WAY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Goodgame, President Lively, Councilors Howard, MacNair, Morley and Steil; City Manager Lapeyrouse and City Clerk Fast

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilor Morley made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Steil seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- City Park

Mayor Goodgame advised this workshop was for the potential for a city park.

Mayor Goodgame stated there is always a lot interest in a city park especially for those who do not play golf. The survey results showed 87% supported a city park and 13% were against a city park. The number one rated item was a putt- putt golf course for which we do not have room. A pavilion was the number one item, number two item was a children's area. Other items requested included grills and shuffleboard.

The one item he hears the most about is the pickle ball courts, which is the fastest growing sport among seniors. City Manager Lapeyrouse advised the pickle ball courts were not included in the list of amenities since originally the timeshares were going to convert tennis courts to pickle ball courts.

The properties behind the post office and across the road, which we currently lease, are the areas for the potential park. Ideas that have been tossed about for paying for it are grants, which we are unable to do at this time. Seeking donations, cash and in-kind contributions would be possible funding sources.

Georgia Mountain Regional Commission has provided plans for walking paths. Everyone would like to see safe and flat walking paths. Visitors love to walk in Sky Valley and these would be very beneficial to our community.

We are in the discussion and planning stages. Council has made no decision and for two years, the city has set aside surplus for a potential park that the community wants. Council needs to decide if we need to move forward with pricing. There are different portions that can be piece mille. It does not all have to be done at once. It can be done as the money becomes available.

Councilor Steil asked if there are specifications for our improvements of the property we currently lease. We would only extend the walking trail and only move forward on the lease property once given permission to do so.

Councilor Lively inquired about the walking trail surface and what it would be made of. Mayor Goodgame stated there are several types of surfaces that can be used, recycled tires, cinder that may be used on running trails and mulch. It would depend on what the community is willing to pay for.

Councilor MacNair asked why no other drawings have been done and can we get additional drawings. He also stated why we do not build our own pavilion for the POA to manage. Mayor Goodgame advised it has been suggested to build a 25' by 40' pavilion and two pickle ball courts.

MacNair suggested doing the pavilion first the rest as funds become available. Mayor Goodgame said that would be the best after we receive the price estimates. If the community is wanting the park as much as they say they are hopefully, they will be willing to contribute funds for the park.

Mayor Goodgame asked if everyone agreed to get estimates on a pavilion, pickle ball, walking trail and children's playground. He also stated this workshop is a brainstorming session depending the pricing which items can be done, as funds are available. Councilor Steil suggested that estimates be itemized items to determine which items we can afford.

City Manager Lapeyrouse asked what size for the pavilion. Was 25' by 40' the size they wanted to get estimates? She also asked about the materials. Wood timbers is what they would like.

Mayor Goodgame advised estimates were received for different sizes at city hall. City Manager Lapeyrouse stated the size of the shed was 24' by 75' with a 4' overhang. Mayor Goodgame stated a rectangular pavilion would be best since the property is rectangular shaped. We do not want a metal pavilion.

Will Gurley asked what the provisions for parking are. Would the city be interested in leasing the property behind the post office for parking? The property owners have already said no, per Mayor Goodgame with zero places for creating parking.

Bill Otis stated we could be losing the clay courts next year. There are concerns with acorns and nails popping to due to cold weather.

Mayor Goodgame advised the club did not want to sign the agreement with no parking available. He also acknowledged property can be purchased but is cost prohibitive behind the dumpster and compactor. There are 12 acres for 1.1 million dollars.

Hiram Spurlin said the tennis courts are an expensive endeavor. He also said, communication is a problem with timeshare staff. They plan to have something in force with tennis courts for next year.

Mayor Goodgame stated with the consent among council, we would move forward with itemized pricing once the correct size of the pavilion can be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business to come before Council, the workshop was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hughel Goodgame Mayor



Ella Fast, City Clerk