

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON MARCH 16, 2021, A TUESDAY, AT 10:00 AM, VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)**

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, and City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Councilor Oliver led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Steil asked to amend the agenda, adding Special Projects to the Committee Reports under item #7. Councilor Turner made a motion to adopt the newly amended agenda, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

5. City Manager's Report

City Manager Streetman talked about several items that he is currently working on which included:

- Culvert on Sky Valley Way – Reached out to four engineers, heard back from one, James Irvin, PE.
- Repairs to City Hall
- Accounting Classes
- Entrance Lighting

He had received a compliment concerning Officer Brown, following a suspicious activity report. He also commented on getting reports of pet owners not picking up after their pets and urged all to do so.

6. Public Work's Report

No report given.

7. Committee Reports

• **Mayoral Advisory Committee**

Bill Oliver, Chairman, stated that the committee is looking at the homeowner's survey along with the Rabun County Comprehensive Plan to get some tasks underway. Talks with potential developers including Harrison Merrill Sr., is continuing. One of the main goals of the committee is to solidify the priorities from survey/comprehensive plan and have them built into a strategic five-year plan.

• **Marketing Committee**

Bob O'Keefe, Chairman, reported that Doug Hollandsworth has several marketing endeavors underway, including mass emails, magazine articles, golf radio show with Jamie Darrah being interviewed. Accommodations rates are being obtained for Stay & Play packages. Roy Akin and Harry Collins were part of a WSB interview that will be aired at a later date. July 4th activities discussions are underway.

• **Landscaping Committee**

Debbie Dahlhouse-Curtis, Chairman, stated that the Committee had met with Mark Wannamaker, contracted Landscaper, to look at the areas that he maintains. Plans for front entrance, mailboxes area, City Hall, Visitor Center, Rebel Circle entrance on Bald Mountain, Sky High entrance on Bald Mountain,

Driver Lane entrance on Bald Mountain, Winding Ridge entrance, and LaBelle at Ridgepole, were discussed. Additional costs, beyond contract, should not exceed \$3,500 and funding will be sought after, from other sources.

- **Special Projects**

Bruce Turner, Chairman, stated that the lights at the front entrance were in the process of being tinted. The Sky Valley Country Club signs will be cleaned up on 246 and Bald Mountain, and will be enhanced with landscaping. Suggested that the City workers clean the pavers at the front entrance. Hoping to develop a routine schedule for trash pick up along Bald Mtn. Road and down to City Hall. Assisting TimeShares of Sky Valley, with refreshing the laundry building and playground. City workers, on their off time, will be paid, by TimeShares, for help with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider Approval of P&Z Recommendation - Denial of Boshart's De-Annex Request

Dan McAfee, Chairman, Planning and Zoning Committee, stated that prior to their meeting, the property was reviewed with Darrin Giles, County Manager. The Committee looks at existing conditions of surrounding properties and accesses how this request would or would not adversely affect the neighboring properties. The Committee feels that it is in the best interest of Sky Valley to not lose the control of what can be allowed on said property. The Committee unanimously voted to not approve the request from Mr. Boshart. Mr. McAfee presented the Committee's response to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Steil called for a vote. Councilor Curtis made a motion to not approve the de-annex request from Mr. Boshart, seconded by Councilor Morley. There was a discussion concerning if the proper guidelines were followed, concerning the request. City Attorney Kidd had asked Mr. Boshart, if he had obtained from the County, a Resolution showing consent of said property to be annex into the unincorporated part of the county. Mr. Boshart along with his realtor, Teri Dobbs, stated that this process was not to their understanding. City Attorney Kidd stated that the process needed to be tabled until the proper procedures had been completed. The next step would be an Ordinance drawn up, if the de-annexation is allowed, and it would be sent to the Department of Community Affairs. Further discussions concerning this topic ensued. The motion was dropped by Councilor Curtis.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to table the Boshart De-Annex request until a Resolution from the County was presented, seconded by Councilor Morley, a discussion was allowed, the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consider Approval of Replacing Bill Oliver with Tony Allred on the Marketing Committee

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the replacement of Councilor Oliver with Councilor Allred on the Marketing Committee, unanimously approved.

10. Consider Approval of Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week, May 2nd through 8th, 2021

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Public Forum and General Comments


Paul Wheeler asked if the Committees have the authority to spend money from City funds? Mayor Steil stated that they do not. The Committees makes recommendation to the Council for approval. There was a question concerning the yearend financial reports and when it would be ready. Mayor Steil stated that they are underway with City Manager Streetman and the interim contracted financial advisor and should be available soon. No budget amendments will be needed for 2020, as it appears at this time.

12. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk