

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON APRIL 13, 2021 AT 10:00 AM
AT 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) CITY OF
SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA**

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. City Manager Report

- **Generator for public works & police dept**
- **Monthly/quarterly reports to dept. heads**
- **Budget/SPLOST Funding Update to be received from Barbara Kesler**
- **CDL- Dustin Henslee- North GA Tech.**
- **Level 3 water quality cert. – Cody English**
- **Proposed creation of /changes to:
Job descriptions, employee handbook/personnel policy, annual employee review, garbage ordinance, water ordinance (further discussed by Jen Hazlet with Servline)**
- **Begin updating to the City's website**
- **Will have representatives from GMRC (GA Mtn. Reg. Comm) up on the 27th of this month to meet and discuss various services they can provide to the City**
- **Updating of leases the City has with various properties to include: The Overlook, the park across from the post office boxes, and the Mud Creek Falls and trails**

City Manager Streetman gave his report. Councilor Oliver asked that the City acquire a back-up agreement with Justin McCall, Certified Water System Manager, when Mr. English receives his certification. Al Piontkowski, 66 Pleasant Mountain Drive, stated that it was good that the department heads are receiving a monthly budget report. He asked about the City lease agreement for the City Park's boundaries and also stated that seal bids, for potential renters, should have been received for the building on 246. Councilor Allred addressed his concerns considering the maintained areas along the pond at the City Park.

4. Discuss ordinance to update City logo

Mayor Steil discussed the newly designed City logo to go along with the billboards and marketing endeavors for Sky Valley as we try to stay uniformed in our branding. First reading of the ordinance will be at the April 20th Regular Council

Meeting.

Al Piontkowski, 66 Pleasant Mountain Drive, asked if the tax paying citizens would have the opportunity to vote on the ordinance? He stated that the scene looks too dark and dreary. Mayor Steil addressed his concerns.

5. Discuss the quote for emergency repair of culverts that crosses Mud Creek on Sky Valley Way

Mayor Steil opened the discussion concerning the replacement of culverts on Sky Valley Way and the grants that have been received to possibly fund this project. City Manager Streetman went over the quotes that have been received along with the Engineering Study. A box culvert verses replacement with existing type of culvert, only larger, along with cost, were discussed. Several options are being considered. The utilities run along this area which will have to also be considered.

Councilor Curtis stated that it is important that the culvert is sized appropriately as to be able to receive future Hazard Mitigation grants.

Bob McNair, resident, commented that a few years ago an engineering firm came in and submitted a report stating that the reasons for the ponding of the stream are because there is no slope to the stream, water is too high in the pond, and the concrete bridge across the stream is acting like a dam during heavy rains. His suggestion was to take out the flat bridge and to put in an arched one.

6. Discuss quotes to do repairs to City Hall

City Manager Streetman stated that the City Hall needs maintenance done on the building. It would be consisting of fixing a drainage issue, rotting siding and windows. There have been three quotes obtained. Jerry Ballard Construction, Home Solutions, and South-Eastern Transformation are the contracting companies with Home Solutions giving the lowest bid.

7. Discuss continuation and change of financial consultant for City accounting

A financial consultant was obtained in the interim of hiring a City Manager. The services are needed as City Manager Streetman is getting acclimated and finishing up with an accounting class. Barbara Keasler has held this position but will not be able to extend her time. Clegg Jarvis is willing to step in and help as he is an retired accountant. This will be a temporary position with the City.

8. Discuss Servline leak protection program, Jen Hazlet with Servline

Mayor Steil introduced Jenna Hazelet with SERVLIN by HomeServe. Ms. Hazelet described their services. SERVLIN is an insurance company that covers major water leaks at residencies. She answered questions from the Mayor and Council.

9. Discuss quote from Atlanta Special Effects for 7.3.21 fireworks show

City Manager Streetman stated that \$5,500 was budgeted, 2021 budget, for the July

4th fireworks. Due to COVID it is challenging to find a company to do the display this year. Atlanta Special Effects gave a price of \$9,911 for a display on July 3rd, which was the request date. Discussion ensued with council members.

10. Adjournment

Councilor Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Hollie Steil, Mayor

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

Karen Fleming, City Clerk