

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING THAT WAS HELD ON A TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Allred, Morley, Curtis, Oliver, and Turner (joining at 9:45 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman and City Clerk Fleming

Intro:

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed 2022 budget as well as the proposed millage rate for the 2021 Ad Valorem taxes. The budget and millage rate are on the agenda to be adopted at a Special Called Council Meeting on October 26th at 10:00 A.M.

GENERAL FUND

- In opposition to
- In favor of

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

WATER & SOLID WASTE FUND

- In opposition to
- In favor of

GENERAL FUND

City Manager Streetman gave an overview of the \$1,380,459, 2022 Budget, and explained the \$259,186 increase from the 2021 Budget of \$1,121,273. This will be an 23% increase over last year's budget. The increases in property values will reflect a tax increase of approximately \$88,000 which will be devoted entirely to roads and road maintenance.

Anticipated Revenues for General Fund:

Property Taxes, Franchise Taxes, Permit Fees, Grants, Fines, Hotel/Motel, Sale of Assets, and Penalties and Interest. Revenue shown as percentages: Property Taxes 73%, Charges 12%, Investments 7%, Grants 5%, and Misc. 3%.

General Fund Expenditures:

Administration - \$280,594, Buildings/Grounds \$148,800, Police \$399,996, Fire \$93,205, Roads \$376,150 and Miscellaneous \$81,714.

Enterprise/Combined Utility

Anticipated Revenue for Water:

Water Fees \$440,00, Tap-On Fees \$7,500, Late Fees \$3,500, and Bank Interest \$1,500, equating to \$452,500.

Water Expenditures:

Salaries/Benefits \$166,217, Debt Service \$126,555, Operations \$125,900, and Capital Purchases \$23,000, equating to \$441,672.

Anticipated Revenue for Sanitation:

Trash Collection Fees \$216,000 and Mulch Sales \$100.00, equating to \$216,100.

Sanitation Expenditures:

Salaries/Benefits \$129,705, Operation Expense \$80,227, equating to \$209,932.

Steve Mason, 38 Pleasant Mountain Drive, asked if there is a road maintenance plan and if so, does it include the culvert by the Country Club. City Manager Streetman stated that he is waiting for the revised quote from Cedar Farms. The pipe is in and ready to be installed. This project was mainly funded in 2021. He also stated the road maintenance expense has been budgeted, for 2022, 100,000, which is 90,000 over the previous year's budget due to many issues and repairs that need to be taken care of.

Mayor Steil asked City Manager Streetman to go over the T-SPLOST referendum that will be on the November election ballot. Streetman emphasized the need for this to be voted through as Sky Valley could anticipate 1.9 million dollars from a one cent sales tax addition over a five-year period. This revenue would be earmarked for road equipment and maintenance.

A question was asked concerning the increase in the salaries and salary associated expenses for the Water Department. City Manager Streetman stated it was due to the obtaining of water testing certification by a staffed employee. His rate of pay increased but bringing this job in-house will significantly decrease Technical Services Expense.

Mayor Steil stated that the Regular Council Meeting was schedule to begin and welcome all if any additional comments needed to be addressed to join the 6:00 p.m. public hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hollie Steil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'S'.

Hollie Steil, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'F'.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk