

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON MAY 18, 2021, A TUESDAY AT 10:30 A.M., VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)**

**THE MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. BUT DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES,
THE TIME WAS RESCHEDULED TO 10:30 A.M.**

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Councilor Turner led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

April 13, 2021 Work Session

April 20, 2021 Council Meeting

Councilor Allred approved the minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

5. City Manager's Report

City Manager Streetman gave a progress report. The report consisted of meeting with GMRC director, multi-year strategic plan in progress, Cody English passing the Class 3 Water Certification, beginning of renovations at City Hall, meeting with contractor for the Sky Valley Way project, City owned properties, receiving quotes for the possible clearing of right-of-way off of Evergreen, and replacement of bed on the salt/brine truck.

Cody English was introduced and was congratulated, thanked by Mayor and Council.

6. Police Department's Report

City Manager Streetman read a statement from Police Chief Estes due to him attending a mandated fire arms training. Chief Estes wanted to remind all that bird feeders need to be put up now until November due to bears in the area and to be in compliance with our Ordinance.

7. Public Work Department's Report

Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks and his crew tinted the landscaping lights at the front entrance. He answered questions about the culvert and ditches on Red Wolfe and Knob Drive.

8. Committee Reports

• **Mayoral Advisory**

Bill Oliver, Chairman, stated that a five-year strategic plan is underway, to be recommended to Mayor and Council. This plan will consist of a prioritized list of Property Owners Survey compared to the Rabun County Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Committee has met with Harrison Merrill, Jr. to discuss prospective plans for Sky Valley. Internet improvement endeavors for Sky Valley, are still being researched by Tim Darrah, Committee Member.

• **Marketing**

Bob O'Keefe, Chairman, requested that the City Council approve the annual contract between the Committee and GolfLife/Doug Hollandsworth. He stated that Doug has done an exceptional job with email blasts reaching up to 200,000 plus, arranging interviews, and advertisements. The Committee is working on Stay and Play packages, photos and drone footage via Dinberg Photography, and 4th of July festivities.

- **Landscaping**

Debbie Dalhouse, Chairman, went over what has been completed around Sky Valley. Annuals have been added to the entrance, moved some of the daylilies to the mailbox facility, perennials and shrubs have been planted at the sign on 246. The Garden Club have added pollinator plants at the Country Club. The Property Owner's Association and Garden Club have contributed to the landscaping endeavors in Sky Valley. More landscaping plans will be executed in the following weeks.

The Garden Club along with the Landscaping Committee have installed a large sign at the waterfall to identify the trees along the Mud Creek walking trail.

- **Special Projects**

Bruce Turner, Chairman, stated that 15 to 20 lights at the entrance have been dimmed at the entrance. Another roadside clean-up date will be scheduled before Memorial Day. He stated that Bob Sprecher has reviewed the erosion problem on the Mud Creek walking trail and at the Hwy. 246 sign to give his recommendations. Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks has also taken a look at the erosion. A culvert may be needed in these areas. Estimates are being obtained for the work in these areas. The Property Owner's Association have stated that they could contribute to the cost.

The Timeshare Association is sprucing up the laundry area along with their park area. Mr. Turner stated that it might be 2022 before another FallFest, due to COVID related issues in the planning.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider Approval of New City Logo Ordinance (Second Reading)

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the Logo Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

10. Consider Approval of Marketing Committee's Recommendation of Continuation of Doug Hollandsworth/GolfLife Marketing Contract

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the renewal of GolfLife's contract with the Marketing Committee, in the amount of \$9,000, \$750 to be paid monthly, Council Morley abstained from the vote, the motion was seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Public Forum and General Comments

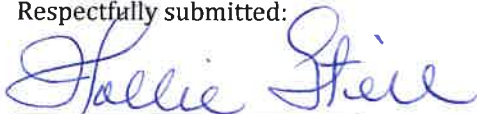
Ken Sigler from the SV/Scaly Fire Department stated that a free service is being offered on June 5th. This service is for the residents that need smoke detectors or to have existing ones tested.

12. Adjournment

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk