

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) ON A TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M., CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

THOSE PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Oliver, Morley, Allred, Curtis, and Turner which joined via Zoom

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Invocation

Councilor Turner led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

May 18, 2021 Special Called Council Meeting

May 18, 2021 Work Session

May 18, 2021 Council Meeting

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

5. City Manager's Report

- **Met with Faith Bryan with GMRC to discuss updates to our zoning maps, our City limits map, and creating a master plan water map.**
- **The renovations to City Hall have begun this week. The contractor hopes to be completed by July.**
- **We have submitted the required GA EPD renewal permit so as to allow for water withdrawal. This is something that has to be done every five years to remain compliant to provide water service to our customers.**
- **I have reached out to three local appraisers to obtain quotes for doing appraisal work on some of the identified City owned properties. Of those three, one declined to quote, and the other two quotes were \$1,700 & \$900 respectfully.**
- **Clegg Jarvis, our financial consultant, and I will be traveling to Clarkesville, GA on June 16, to meet with Joely Mixon, the auditor who will be conducting the City audit. We are meeting to set a schedule and to make sure we are on track to provide what they need for a successful audit.**
- **We have reached out to the principal property owners who own the parcels that comprise the Evergreen extension, aka "the Southern Road". We have not received 100% agreement from all the property owners but have received 100% agreement from the property owners who have responded. We hope to have 100% agreement by/before the end of this month.**
- **We will start the budget process for 2022 beginning next month. I have already reached out to department heads and asked them to begin looking at their expenditures and identify cost fluctuations to justify increases or decreases.**

City Manager Streetman read his report that included these items. He also added that the pickle ball courts had been pressured washed. There were questions asked about the ARPA status which City Manager Streetman answered that the information needed is being submitted.

6. Police Department's Report

Police Chief Estes stated that the department had not lost any officers due to the pandemic and that all shifts are covered. The traffic caution light at the intersection of 106 and Bald Mountain Road has been malfunctioning and reported to the State.

7. Public Work Department's Report

City Manager Streetman read the report as Public Works Superintendent Holbrooks was unable to attend. His report consisted of the department mowing the right-of ways. The cleaning out of ditches should be completed in a couple of weeks. Gave information on brush piles left for his department.

A discussion ensued concerning the recycle pick-up.

8. Committee Reports

- **Mayoral Advisory**

Councilor Oliver, Mayoral Advisory Chairman, stated some of the items the Committee is working on, such as ideas for Old Lodge after Community Bible Church moves out, internet upgrades, continued talks with Harrison Merrill, Jr. on proposed plans for Sky Valley.

- **Marketing**

Bob O'Keefe, Chairman, stated some of the items the Committee is working on, such as promoting Sky Valley through emails, ads, newsletters, social media with the help of Doug Hollandsworth. Steve Dinberg has started the photographing of Sky Valley along with the drone footage.

- **Landscaping**

Debbie Dalhouse, Chairman, gave a brief run down on what the Committee has accomplished. New plants at the entrance, Labelle Rock, Rebel Circle, Sky High, Visitor's Center, and Winding Ridge. Additional landscaping was done by the Sky Valley Country Club at the sign on 246, their sign on Sky Valley Way and Driver Lane.

Donations have been received from the Sky Valley Garden Club and the POA.

- **Special Projects**

Councilor Turner, Special Projects Chairman, thanked Debbie Dalhouse for all her work with the landscaping. The front entrance lights have been addressed. The Timeshare building improvements are underway.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider Approval to Partner with ServLine Leak Protection Program for Water Leak Protection

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the partnering with ServLine Leak Protection Program, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

10. Consider Approval of Resolution to Authorized Award of Contract to Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc. for Emergency Storm Drain Replacement on Sky Valley Way

Councilor Morley made a motion to approve the Resolution awarding the contract to Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc., seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

City Manager Streetman stated that Mr. Hare (Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc.) gave the start date of week after July 4th.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Public Forum and General Comments

Mayor Steil stated that a question had been asked regarding the process for obtaining renters in a City owned property. City Attorney Kidd stated that cities that do not have specifications in their Charter concerning the process of renting or selling property must follow an advertised bid process. The City Charter states that this can be handled with or without advertisement.

Dan McAfee, 776 Alpine Drive, would like to see the vegetation along Sky Valley Way, from entrance to pool area, be cut back or cleaned out.

John Watts, 41 Cedar Lane, stated that the rip rap had washed out on Thunder Head causing the runoff water to go across private property.

Councilor Curtis asked about the trimmings that Georgia Power had left by the utility boxes that were being trimmed around.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Councilor Allred made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk