

**Mayoral Advisory Committee Meeting
City of Sky Valley, Georgia
July 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Via Teleconference (Zoom)**

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Bill Oliver, Ed Morley, Will Gurley, Martin Greene, Dan McAfee, Hollie Steil, City Manager Fast and City Clerk Fleming

THOSE ABSENT: David Spears and Tim Darrah

I. Welcome

Bill, Chairperson, welcomed all for attending and stated this meeting would present basic updates and a little bit of new information.

A meeting has been set up, via zoom, with Harrison Merrill Sr. and Jr. Bill and a couple of members will meet to discuss any potential plans that he has for Sky Valley. This meeting will be held later this week.

II. Mayor Comments

Hollie thanked everyone for their participation as the committee is doing great things. Thanked all who helped with the clean-up of Mud Creek Road.

III. Approval of Minutes – June 19th Meeting

Dan stated that additional information should be given on the hwy. 246 building. It was stated that an architect will be given information for some conceptual plans. With these changes added, Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Martin Green, unanimously approved.

PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

IV. Building on Highway 246

Bill, Hollie, Dan, Ed and Bob O’Keefe met on June 26, at the building. Dan had taken measurements and got dimensions of the building for comparisons with the drawings. This took place so different options for the building could be discussed. Bill has set up a meeting with, Mikhail the architect, on Saturday to obtain recommendations, costs, renderings and/or floor plans of the building for any renovations. Dan will meet with them also, to get clarification regarding locations of some of the mechanicals. Ed thinks the outside needs to be looked at for aesthetic improvements. City Manager Fast has not heard anything back from Hunter Electric and will reach out to another electrician regarding the electrical issues at the building. Also waiting on a response from City Attorney Kidd on the ramifications, if any, of adding ADA parking spaces.

V. Internet Service

Tim gave updates on Windstream which Bill Duff stated that a map could not be given to show locations of lines. Also, they are rerouting lines between the switches. Bill Duff had stated that

another switch, Ridgepole area, is needed in order to improve the coverage, which the City would have to share in the cost. Bill Duff also stated that he is only halfway done with the proposal that was talked about, a month ago. Tim has been in touch with a TruVista representative to arrange a meeting to discuss expansion and upgrades, on the 13th or 20th. As of date, nothing has been confirmed. Hollie will join a broadband webinar through GMA, on July 22, to see if any suggestions are given for better internet service. Tim will try to set up another meeting if Windstream presents a tangible proposal.

VI. Property Owner's Survey

Bill stated that the survey has been finalized and is at the printers. If there isn't an email address for an owner then a postcard will be mailed out. Survey tentatively to go out on July 13th. Responses will be aggregated and ranked. Martin suggested the person filling out the survey should rank in order, their responses. Members thought this would be a good idea and Debbie Dalhouse-Curtis wrote in that she would make the change. Discussion ensued concerning whether to have the surveyor be identified and also how to govern only one response per household. An option will be given if the surveyor wants to be identified. Responses and results will be addressed through a meeting.

VII. Pond/Stream Across from Post Office

Bill stated that there is a couple of issues with any endeavor concerning this item. First the property belongs to Harrison Merrill not the City. Harrison would be the one to decide if the dam is to be repaired. Also, the results from meeting with the DNR, confirmed the area is a primary trout stream which would limit what could be done. The area behind the dam is forming into a mountain wetland and a botanist will be brought in to identify the plants growing there. Suggestions were given on how to beautify the area and to keep as a wetland. Temperatures were taken of the water to see if this area could be stocked with trout. Grants/donations might be obtained if this is area is deemed as protected land. All recommendations will be considered and a decision will be announced at a later time.

VIII. Questions and Answers

No questions were asked.

Next meeting was set for August 12, 2020, a Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Dan made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Will, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Fleming, City Clerk