

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM AT 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Oliver

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Police Chief Estes, Interim Public Works Superintendent Shope, and City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Invocation

Councilor Allred led the invocation. Special mention by Councilor Turner, concerning Councilor Oliver, asking for thoughts and prayers for him.

3. Approval of Minutes

August 17, 2021 – Council Work Session Meeting

August 17, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting

August 23, 2021 – Special Called Council Meeting

Councilor Allred made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Morley, unanimously approved.

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

5. City Manager's Report

City Manager Streetman stated that James Holbrooks has left the City and that Jerry Shope has been named the Interim Public Works Superintendent. The position is being advertise internal and an announcement will be forthcoming. The auditors are finalizing the 2020 audit. The Sky Valley Way culvert pipes are being made and will be installed as soon as possible. A couple of easements are still needed concerning the southern emergency road. A draft budget for 2022 has been completed and will be presented soon. Dustin Henslee has completed his CDL training and has passed his test. A ten-meter pilot test program will begin with Smart Earth Technologies with the possibility of upgrading the water meters within the City.

6. Departmental Reports

Interim Public Works Superintendent Shope spoke on behalf of the Public Works Department. The grass cutting season is wrapping up just in time to start on the Fall Hay Bales and decorations. Culverts are still being cleaned out from the latest storms through out the City. Potholes are being patched internally and in the process of getting prices from contractors concerning the larger ones, over six-to-eight-foot asphalt patches.

Police Chief Estes spoke on behalf of the Sky Valley Police Department. He stressed the importance of not driving across a flooded road. Several residents ignored the barricades and drove through the water at the curve on Sky Valley Way. He suggested an evaluation route be posted as a reference point for residents/visitors. A Town Watch meeting is being planned before the summer residents leave Sky Valley. Police Chief Estes is working with the Property Owner's Association president, Ed Steil, to merge the two groups creating a Senior Citizens Watch. A tentative meeting is scheduled for October the 14th in the Fellowship Hall of the Sky Valley Chapel. A CPR refresher class time/date will be announced for residents.

7. Committee Reports

Councilor Turner, Chairman for the Special Projects Committee, spoke about their endeavors which included: Restoring of Fall Fest, September 22 is a scheduled roadside clean-up day, landscaping at pickleball courts, addressing the erosion on Mud Creek Trail and at the Hwy. 246 sign, Timeshare Park.

Bob O'Keefe, Chairman for the Marketing Committee, spoke about their endeavors which included: offering any businesses to be a part of the Hay Bale Trail, email blasts and articles written about Sky Valley going out monthly, ads in the North Georgia Mountain Vacation Guide along with the Mountain Travel Magazine, contracted photographer is in the process of taking Fall pictures and promotional videos, working on establishing a Travel Website and updating the City's Website, which will be linked together.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider Approval of Amended Water Ordinance – 1st Reading

City Manager Streetman read the amended Water Ordinance. He stated that 95% of the revision is concerning the addition of using ServLine, a leak protection program, and quoting their guidelines/policy. A public hearing has been held along with a presentation during a Work Session addressing the use of ServLine which in set, tentatively, to go into effect January 1st of 2022, unless a resident decides to opt out of the program.

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Public Forum and General Comments

None were made.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk