

**Mayoral Advisory Committee Meeting  
City of Sky Valley, Georgia  
November 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.  
696 Sky Valley Way (CBC Building)**

**MINUTES**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Bill Oliver, Ed Morley, Dan McAfee, Tim Darrah, Martin Greene, Mayor Hollie Steil, and City Clerk Karen Fleming

**THOSE ABSENT:** David Spears

**1. Welcome**

Bill Oliver, Chairperson, thanked all for attending.

**2. Mayor Comments**

Hollie thanked the members for serving as their input and help, is extremely important.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**August 26, 2020**

**September 30, 2020**

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tim, unanimously approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**4. Building on Highway 246**

Hollie stated that the current tenants wants to renew their leases through 2021. A 30 day notification is the only change concerning the leases for both tenants. Bill said that the feedback that he had received concerning the drawings for the renovation of the building, were fairly good. A few revisions to the drawings are needed for the inside and maybe a different look for the exterior. When completed, numbers will be put to it and presented to Mayor and Council. Dan stated that the Marketing Committee may be interested in using the building, in present condition, as a Welcome Center again.

**5. Tony Allred's Report on DNR Visit**

Tony had met the local DNR to discuss the pond across from the mailboxes. Previous discussions included the area to be deemed as a primary trout stream, and/or a Mountain Bogg area. After further research, this area does not meet the criteria for a Mountain Bogg but has the potential to be turned into a Mountain Wetland area, with the primary trout stream feeding into it. The area would bring in natural wildlife such as ducks, butterflies, and bees. This area would have to be left along for it to grow back to its natural form. The process could take up to two years. Trees could be removed, attractant native plants

leaving the natural grasses. It would not require any permits to establish this area. Tim had suggested if it is decided to go in this direction, to have signs stating that this area is a work in progress. It will be discussed with Harrison Merrill, owner of this property. Tony will check to see if a recap report can be obtained and presented.

Dan made a motion to present this idea to Mayor and Council, seconded by Ed, unanimously approved.

#### **6. Ski Lodge's Future**

Community Bible Church is currently leasing the building but are constructing a new church which is projected to be completed by the Fall of 2021. Conversations had with Harrison Merrill indicated that he would like to bring back skiing and adding more condominiums which would require a sewer system to be brought in. He was asking for the City to help with the cost of the sewer system but he also indicated that he might be willing to divide some of the land lots and put them up for sale. Discussion on the future need of a sewer system that will service the valley ensued along with permits and possible grants. Tim has talked with the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority concerning what can be done in Sky Valley. He will continue with this endeavor and Bill will talk again with Harrison Merrell to see if he can find out how much he would be willing to sell.

#### **7. Winding Ridge Internet Update – Tim/Tony**

The map showing the internet coverage areas is underway, stated Tim. Tony is working to find out if the company that helped provide internet coverage to main street in Clayton, could do the same for areas like Winding Ridge that has no internet options at this time.

#### **8. Sky Valley Way/Ridgepole Old Fence Area**

Some research was conducted to see whose property the fence was on, which still not sure. Ed stated only three more panels were needed and he would try to recruit some help to replace or add to the fencing.

#### **9. Questions and Answers**

Ken Sigler with the Sky Valley/Scaly Fire Department went over the reasoning for painting of the fire hydrants and their caps. Each color, of the cap, indicates to the firefighter how much pressure that can be obtained out of that particular fire hydrant.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Martin, unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Karen Fleming, City Clerk