

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 10:00 AM 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA
TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Oliver, Morley, Allred, (Councilors Curtis and Turner via Zoom)

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. She thanked the City staff for their work on the financial reports and helping gather information for the auditor. Also, thanked the voters that help pass T-SPLOST. Sky Valley is slated to receive approximately two million, over a five-year period, from the sales tax generated.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. Joely Mixon, Auditor, 2020 Audit Report - via Zoom

Joely went over the "Audit Findings and Recommendations for Year Ending December 31, 2020", report. The report included bank reconciliation, clearing accounts, payroll, TAVT, property tax receivables, Marketing Committee, and her suggestions. She also suggested that the City check on establishing a Convention and Visitor's Bureau that the 40% of hotel/motel taxes could be sent to rather than to the County.

A PowerPoint presentation was given with graphs showing the comparison of revenue/expenses. Revenues had increased by 22%; total expenses increased by 10% in comparison to 2019. The graphs also showed self-sufficiency, percentage of expenses that are financial obligations, 6% (GEFA loans). The City's revenues comprise of 84% taxes, intergovernmental grants 9%, charges for services 4%, and investment earnings 3%. The top expenses for the City are Police Department at 36%, General Government 28%, Public Works/Streets 25%.

The SPLOST revenues and expenses were reviewed. Sky Valley has received \$390,266 and as of date, \$232,416 has been spent. The majority was spent on paving projects.

4. Presentation by Susie Piontkowski/Sean Blanton for a trail running event, Sky to Summit, November 13th and 14th

Susie stated that this is the 9th consecutive run which will consist of approximately 400 runners. The runners will be crossing the finish line between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Sky Valley residents are welcome to attend to cheer the runners on. Sean spoke about the Flint Knob Trail and all the benefits of having the trail head in Sky Valley. He had suggested that the City Council check on the possibility of this happening. The Special Projects Committee will be talking to him further to obtain additional information. The

Flint Knob Trail connects to the Bartram and Appalachian Trail which could bring a lot of hikers into Sky Valley.

Sean stated that he could look/assess Mud Creek Trail to see what he and his team could do for the trail. Erosion is the biggest problem, and he might have suggestions to help fix the issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk