

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA ON A TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 10:00 AM

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Councilor Oliver led the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

November 9, 2021 – Council Work Session

November 16, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

5. City Manager's Report

City Manger Streetman stated that he is working on some of the End-of-Year Reports along with the LMIG Grant application. Met with Precision Paving concerning next year's paving projects. Still waiting on Lamar Hare, contractor for the Sky Valley Way culvert project, and will seek another contractor if the project is not started soon. Southern Road project is sill being held up by one property owner concerning the easement. ServLine Protection Program will be in place starting January 1, 2022. Waiting on a quote from Talbot Tennis for a third pickleball court. Been in touch with Munnerlyn Pyrotechnics concerning the July 4th fireworks and was told it would need to be on the 3rd as the Dillard House will be on the 4th.

6. Departmental Reports

Public Works Superintendent Shope stated that his department is fully staffed now. He introduced two new employees, Kenneth Queen and Larry Randolph. The department has prepared for any winter weather and the leaf vacuum is being used along with the tree trimming resuming.

Police Chief Estes stated that his department has been granted the Certification by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and the United States Department of Justice under executive order 1329, known as Safe Policing for Safe Communities, signed into effect by President Trump, October 28, 2020. The executive order is designed to improve accountability, build trust, and ensure the safety of the public as well as members of law enforcement who risk their lives every day. Less than 7% of departments is the state of Georgia and 10% in the Country, have this certification. The certification will help with qualifying for other federal grants.

7. Committee Reports

Councilor Oliver, **Mayoral Advisory Committee** Chairman, went over what the committee is discussing: The recommendation for the building on 246 and the plans that Harrison Merrill, Jr., potential has for Sky Valley.

Marketing Committee – Mayor Steil reported for the committee and stated that Bob O'Keefe, former chairman, had just finished his term and has stepped down. The committee has a carryover balance of approximately \$3,000 to start 2022 of with.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider approval of Resolution to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide premium pay to City staff who have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic

City Manager Streetman went over the recommendation for issuing the non-safety personnel of the City, matching pay that the police department is slated to receive from the Governor's Office. The funding would come from the ARPA funds which the City has already received. This would cover all employees of the City that has worked through the pandemic.

Councilor Morley made a motion to approve the Resolution utilizing ARPA funds for premium pay to non-safety staff, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

9. Consider approval of quote from Smoky Mountain Dodge to purchase one (1) 2022 Dodge Durango SUV with police package for the Police Department, \$38,684

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Durango SUV from Smoky Mountain Dodge, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved

10. Consider approval of quote from Kubota of Franklin to purchase two (2) Kubota RTVs with snowplow attachments for the Road Department and the Water Department, \$53,580

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the purchase of two RTVs with snowplow attachments from Kubota of Franklin, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

11. Consider approval of quote from Liquid Engineering to have the City's water tanks cleaned/inspected, \$5,560

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve using the services of Liquid Engineering for the cleaning and inspection of the City's water tanks, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Public Forum and General Comments

Councilor Turner discussed his conversation with Sean Blanton concerning the Flint Knob Trail. Approximately a mile and three quarters of the trail will need to be reconfigured and a parking lot established on Sky Valley property. He is asking for help from the City to get permission from the landowner, for the use of their property as an access point in Sky Valley.

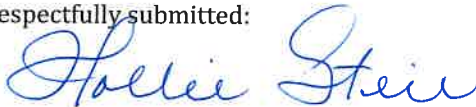
Mr. Smalley had type in a response, via Zoom, which read thanks to the Akins for their quick notification to the Garden Club and the SVCC members concerning a new positive COVID test individual in Sky Valley.

13. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk