

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD AT 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA ON DECEMBER 14, 2021 A TUESDAY AT 9:00 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, and Public Works Superintendent Shope

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss using part of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to provide premium pay to City employees who have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic

City Manager Streetman talked about funds that public safety personnel, Police Department, are eligible for, through the Governor's Office. This is a one-time eligibility in the amount of \$1,000 per officer for working through the pandemic. The recommendation is to use part of the ARPA funds to match this amount for the rest of the non-public safety staff to show appreciation for their work during this time also. The City of Sky Valley has received approximately \$51,000 in 2021 and is slated to receive the same amount in 2022. The amount recommended to be paid for this match would be \$11,500.

4. Discuss purchasing one (1) Dodge Durango AWD/SUV for the police department

City Manager Streetman stated that he attempted to obtain quotes but only one responded, Smoky Mountain Dodge in Franklin N.C. The quote was for a Durango AWD Pursuit Vehicle in the amount of \$38,684.00. The cost of the vehicle would come out of the SPLOST funds and would be for the replacement of a Subaru, that is in use now. If approved, this would put the City's name on a waiting list for an estimated delivery date of April or May.

5. Discuss purchasing two (2) Kubota RTVs with snowplows for the road department and water department

City Manager Streetman received three quotes on RTVs, a heavy-duty all-terrain vehicle. All three quotes were similar in price, but Kubota Tractors of Franklin has two coming in during the next couple of weeks. These vehicles would be used by the roads and water department. They will be equipped with snowplows to aid in snow removal to the water tanks and clearing of roadways. During the warmer months they could be used to haul small equipment and to read meters. Public Works Superintendent stated that Steve Mason uses a Polaris for snow removal and has very good results as you can get into tighter places. Two RTVs would help cover the City faster as they could start on opposite ends.

6. Discuss utilizing the services of Liquid Engineering for the cleaning and maintenance/repair of City water tanks

City Manager Streetman has been in touch with Liquid Engineering out of Montana. The City has used their services in the past. Periodic cleaning of the tanks and inspections are needed and the City is past due for this service. The quote that was given for the cleaning and inspection was in the amount of \$5,560.00. The tanks can be checked while full and any maintenance can be performed at that time under full sanitary control.

7. Discuss Smart Earth Technologies pilot program options for meter reading

City Manager Streetman went over the test pilot program with smart Earth Technologies. Ten units would be at a cost of \$5,000. The test pilot program will be conducted for a six month period. These meters will be placed strategically through out the City. Proposed advantages of these units include giving alerts for high water usage along with the capabilities of cutting the meters off/on remotely.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Adjournment

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk