

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD AT 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY GA, ON A TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022 AT 9:00 AM**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Oliver

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Streetman, Public Works Director Shope, Water Coordinator English, Lieutenant Baumes, and City Clerk Fleming (via Zoom)

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., due to technical difficulties which persisted throughout the entirety of meeting.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**3. Discuss final audit from MMB&T for FY 2021**

Joely Mixon, auditor with MMB&T, discussed the audit for FY 2021. Part of the discussion were two findings from the audit. One having to do with not establishing a Marketing budget and the second was not performing timely bank reconciliations, Jan. - March. The finding on the bank reconciliation not being timely were due to staffing issues before the filling of City Manager and Finance positions. The 2021 revenues were down from 2020 by 12% due to receiving SPLOST funds in 2020 in the amount of \$390,000. Expenses were up less than 2% in 2021 compared to 2020. Overall, the audit and financial position of the City are in good shape.

**4. Discuss quote from GMRC to do water system mapping**

City Manager Streetman stated that one of the goals of the mapping was to have a better understanding of what pipes are in the ground and hopefully to reduce water loss. Currently the unaccounted water loss is 40% which it should be more like 20%. Faith Bryan with GRMC discussed the procedure and quote. Councilor Turner asked how long of a process this would be which she answered approximately a year. PW Director Shope and Water Coordinator English also expressed the importance of having correct information to go by as the maps currently in use, are incorrect and outdated.

Debbie McAfee, 776 Alpine, asked if the cost would have any impact on water bills and was answered no.

Tim Darrah, 642 Ridgepole, asked if the City would be confident that all water pipes would be found. Water Coordinator English stated that with the GPR that will be used, each line will be correctly noted on the map, at least within inches.

**5. Discuss quote from All American Earth Works to repair/replace PRV (pressure reducing Valve) on Tahoe Lane**

City Manager Streetman went over the quote from All American Earth Works. He stated the necessity of having a PRV to reduce the water pressure as it comes from the tanks at a much higher altitudes, down to the lower parts of the City. Without a PRV the water pressure would burst pipes. There are currently seven PRVs in the City but the one on Tahoe Lane is the one

that desperately needs replacing at this time. The timeline for the project has been proposed to start around three to five weeks if approved and should take only about two days to complete. There should not be any interruption in water service and the City would issue a boil water advisory after the work is completed .

**6. Discuss resolution to allow the Sky Valley Marketing Committee the flexibility to move and spend funds between line items for FY 2022 as long as the total budget approved by the Sky Valley City Council is not exceeded**

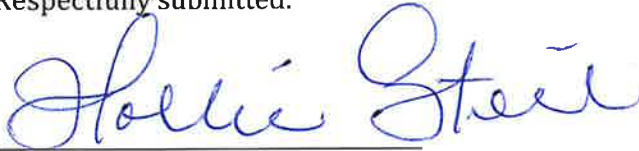
City Manager Streetman explained the reason for the Resolution is to give the Marketing Committee the ability to move money from one line item to another without having to come before the Council for prior approval. This is needed so the Committee can make timely decisions that may involve marketing expenditures that were unanticipated when the original spending plan was approved a couple of months ago. The Committee cannot spend more than was approved for their total budget.

**7. Adjournment**

Councilor Allred made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk