

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, HELD TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT 10:00 AM  
696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) AND VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Steil, Councilors Allred, Turner, Darrah, and Councilor Curtis joined via Zoom

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Oliver

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, and Lieutenant Baumes

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Darrah led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**November 29, 2022 – Special Called Council Meeting**

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**5. Mayoral/Council Remarks**

Mayor Steil thanked Councilor Oliver for filling in as Pro-Tem in her absence at last month's meeting. She welcomed newly elected Councilor Darrah and thanked all that attended Bob Power's funeral and the late Councilor Morley's Dedication.

**6. City Manager Report**

City Manager Streetman gave his report which consisted of: GRMC making progress on the mapping of the water lines. EV stations being considered. PIN an internship training program through Georgia Tech. Financial Report. Holiday Closures. Introduction of Jim Pyburn, the City's new Building Inspector/ Code Enforcer.

**7. Departmental Reports**

Lieutenant Baumes with the Police Department, stated that one of the officer, Casey Brown, was involved in a traffic accident and has taken some time off. The department has hired a part-time officer, Matt Nall, to help fill in as needed.

City Manager Streetman read a report from Jerry Shope, Public Works Director. It stated that additional leaf vacuum will resume – patching an area of Ridgepole today – working on a project at the intersection of Driver, Eagle Circle, and Bald Mtn. – plows are in place on the vehicles as they are getting ready for ice/snow.

**8. Committee Reports**

**Marketing Committee** - Gordon Brand gave an overview: Mike Mays wrote a wonderful article on Sky Valley which went out to thousands. Doug Hollandsworth is working with different golf writers to get even more exposure. The Committee is working on a proposed 2023 Budget to present to the City Council. The photo gallery is being updated.

**Special Projects Committee** – Bruce Turner stated that 2023 FallFest planning is already underway. A road cleanup is scheduled for this Friday, for Hwy 246, starting at 10:00 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9. Consider approval of Resolution to update/amend the Sky Valley Financial Policy**

Mayor Steil asked City Manager Streetman to give an overview concerning the need for the updates. He stated that with the suggested updates, it would help speed up processes making the Financial Policy more proactive. He gave examples of the proposed changes.

Mayor Steil asked for a motion to approve the Resolution, after the proposed minor word changes that Councilor Curtis suggested during the Work Session. Councilor Darrah made a motion to approve the Resolution with the changes, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

**10. Consider the appointment of Martin Greene as Sky Valley representative on the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority Board**

Councilor Darrah made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**11. Public Forum and General Comments**

Ken Sigler, 79 Evergreen Lane, commented on the increased flow of traffic in the area with the extension being open. He stated that the stop sign at the intersection of Rescue and Evergreen needs to be turned ninety degrees as the intersection is dangerous.

**12. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor



Karen Fleming, City Clerk