

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2023 ON A TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M., 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Steil, Councilors Oliver, Turner, Allred, Curtis, and Darrah

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Chief of Police Estes, Public Works Superintendent Shope, Water Coordinator English, and Code Enforcer Pyburn.

STAFF ABSENT: City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Turner led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

5. City Manager Report

City Manager Streetman went over current and upcoming projects. The newly renovated City Hall is complete and we will be moving in shortly with a grand opening following. Paving of city roads along with culvert project of Sky Valley Way will be forthcoming. Finances are in line, running about 15%. Property taxes received are at 93% and still coming in. New signage is being made up for the renovated City Hall and Police Department.

6. Departmental Reports

Public Works Superintendent Shope introduced two new employees, Kevin Branca and Eugene Ramey.

Chief of Police Estes stated that his department has recently received more noise violations calls which consists of a couple of repeat offenders. These calls have been primarily concerning short-term rentals which also have been driving golf carts on city roads without the proper permitting. He also shared the news of one of his officers, Dottie Clark, being voted "First Responder of the Year", by the Clayton Tribune.

Code Enforcer Pyburn went over the number of permits issued and stated that several houses in Sky Valley doesn't have the proper 911 identification postings. He suggested that the requirements be sent out to the residents.

7. Committee Reports

Marketing Committee Chairman, Gordon Brand, talked about the marketing endeavors of Doug Hollandsworth. He is sending out email blasts and updating social media outlets. Marketing efforts are paying off as new owners are stating they found out about Sky Valley through some of these avenues.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Consider approval of Resolution to amend the FY 2022 General Fund Budget

City Manager Streetman stated that the city's 2022 budget was under by approximately \$68,000. There are amendments that need to be made just to move monies from one department to another that had overspent due to unforeseen expenses. This will need to be done in order to have a balanced budget as is required by the State. The total amount of adjustments, \$13,847.34.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Resolution for the amendments, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

9. Consider approval of quote from Colwell Construction to replace two (2) culverts on Sky Valley Way in the amount of \$63,220

City Manager Streetman stated that this is phase II of the Sky Valley Way Project. He had received two quotes for this project: Colwell Construction Company \$63,330 and Precision Paving \$88,760. If approved, Colwell Construction could start immediately and, weather permitting, be done in four to five days. The detours would be well advertised as that part of Sky Valley Way would have to be closed to traffic.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the quote from Colwell Construction in the amount of \$63,220, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

10. Consider approval of Precision Paving Company to repave a portion of Evergreen Road in the amount of \$56,968

City Manager Streetman stated that the portion of Evergreen Road that originally was paved and going towards LaBelle is in need of repairs, as it is spidering and crumbling. Two quotes have been received for this project: Colwell Construction Company \$86,400 and Precision Paving Company \$56,968. Funding for this project will come from T-SPLOST funds.

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the quote from Precision Paving Company in the amount of \$56,968, seconded by Councilor Darrah, unanimously approved.

11. Consider approval of Precision Paving Company to repave Walking Bear Road in the amount of \$26,756

City Manager Streetman stated that this is the lowest of two quotes received. The other quote was from Colwell Construction Company, \$56,160. Originally paved with a gravel/tar mix that is not holding up and hard to maintain.

Councilor Darrah made a motion to approve the quote from Precision Paving Company in the amount of \$26,756, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

12. Consider approval of the recommended quote to purchase a Skid Steer for Public Works

City Manager Streetman was told that the Kubota would be held until 1:00 p.m. as that was the one that being considered during the Work Session, but he later found out that it was sold and not held. He proposed that the Council preapprove an amount for the purchasing of a Skid Steer, as it would make purchasing of this equipment more clear-cut instead of having to wait for another meeting. The Council agreed it would make the purchase easier and talked about the amount of \$64,500. This purchased will be T-SPLOST funded.

Councilor Oliver made the motion to approve \$64,500 earmarked for the purchase of a Skid Steer, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

13. Consider approval of Resolution to declare City equipment as surplus for liquidation (1997 John Deere Backhoe and 2004 John Deere Gator)

City Manager Streetman talked about the two pieces of equipment that the city owns and would like to sell due to conditions of the equipment. The 2004 John Deere Gator has a blown engine and the 1997 John Deere Backhoe is worn out with many issues, making it dangerous. They will be advertised through Gov-Deals.

Councilor Darrah made a motion to approve the Resolution declaring the equipment as surplus so they could be sold, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

14. Consider approval of the Rabun County Board of Election's contract to continue conducting the City's Elections

City Manager Streetman stated that the contract is needed for renewal of services due to the increasing costs of the election process. The county can still provide the services more cost efficient than the city conducting their own.

Councilor Allred made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Public Forum and General Comments

None came forth.

16. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor

Attested:



Karen Fleming, City Clerk