

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 9:00 AM
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, and Water Coordinator English

STAFF ABSENT: City Attorney Kidd

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Discuss Resolution to adopt a budget amendment to the FY 2022 General Fund Budget

City Manager Streetman stated that some departments went over their budgeted amounts and the proposed budget amendments would keep the city's budget in compliance. The overall budget for 2022, was under by approximately \$68,000. The budget amendments total \$13,847.34 and the following departments involved are: Elections, Police, Fire, Culture & Recreation "Special Events", Housing & Development, and Economic Development.

Councilor Oliver and Curtis both commented that this procedure was just housekeeping and that the procedure would not be increasing nor decreasing the approved budget.

4. Discuss Mayoral approval of quote from Precision Paving Company to repave a damaged portion of Snowshoe Lane in the amount of \$16,752

City Manager Streetman stated that Mayor Steil had approved the quote from Precision Paving Company. This project will be funded out of T-SPLOST. PW Superintendent Shope stated that a culvert needs to be replaced before the paving is completed. This road was on the city's priority list. Councilor Turner asked if the quote included striping which he was answered that it did not as the road is currently not striped.

5. Discuss Mayoral approval of quote from Precision Paving Company to repave Squaw Valley Road in the amount of \$16,985

City Manager Streetman stated that Mayor Steil had approved the quote from Precision Paving Company. This project will be funded out of T-SPLOST. PW Superintendent Shope stated that the road is crumbling and also needs a turn around spot at the end of the road. This road was on the city's priority list for paving.

6. Discuss quotes from Colwell Construction Company and Precision Paving Company to replace two (2) culvert pipes on Sky Valley Way

The two quotes were as follows: Colwell Construction Company \$63,220 and Precision Paving \$88,760. One of the culverts is crushed and totally unfunctional. The two quotes were based on the same criteria. Precision could start the project right away and estimated it would only

take four to five days, weather permitting. This project would be paid out LMIG and EEE grants, with the balance being paid by T-SPLOST funding. Councilor Oliver asked about mail delivery to the mailboxes and City Manager Streetman stated that the HeatherStone Gate will be open for the mail carrier to use as a detour. Ridgepole and Alex Mountain will be detour routes during this process.

7. Discuss quotes from Colwell Construction Company and Precision Paving Company to repave a damaged portion of Evergreen Road

The two quotes were as follows: Colwell Construction Company \$86,400 and Precision Paving Company \$56,968.00. This project is to repave a portion off of Evergreen going to LaBelle. The striping will come later as it is not part of the quote. Funding will come from T-SPLOST.

8. Discuss quotes from Colwell Construction Company and Precision Paving Company to repave Walking Bear Road

The two quotes were as follows: Precision Paving Company \$26,756 and Colwell Construction Company \$56,160. Originally this road was topped with a gravel/tar mixture which has not held up and PW Superintendent Shope stated it was very hard to maintain especially when it snows and must be scrapped. Councilor Darrah asked when they could start and City Manager Streetman stated that the asphalt plant was opening March 1st so they could start anytime.

9. Discuss various quotes for the purchase of a Skid Steer for Public Works

City Manager Streetman stated that as part of the Capital Improvement Plan he had obtained three quotes for a Skid Steer, two of which sent in revised quotes in a lower amount right before the meeting. The three quotes were as follows: Oakway Tractor, Inc. – Kubota \$64,500; Bobcat of Blue Ridge \$62,877; Yancey Bros. – CAT \$69,692. Superintendent Shope stated that the Skid Steer could be used in many different facets in the Public Works Department such as adding salt to the brine maker, water leaks, installation of culverts, etc. City Manager Streetman stated the piece of equipment would be funded by T-SPLOST.

10. Declare the following equipment surplus for liquidation: 1997 John Deere Backhoe and 2004 John Deere Gator side-by-side

City Manager Streetman stated that the 1997 John Deere Backhoe is costing more to maintain than what it is worth. It has also become dangerous to use. The 2004 John Deere side-by-side has a blown engine and is not worth fixing. Both pieces of equipment could be sold on Gov-Deals.

11. Discuss the Rabun County Board of Election's contract to continue conducting the City's Elections

This contract is for the continuation of the county's service with the city's elections. The cost of conducting the elections as risen substantially and a new contract is needed due to the increase. A discussion ensued concerning the increases and how that it still would be more cost efficient for the county to handle the elections verses the city.

12. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hollie Steil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'S'.

Hollie Steil, Mayor

Attested:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'F'.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk