

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2023, A TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM
3608 HWY 246 (NEW CITY HALL) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM), CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA**

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Public Works Superintendent Shope, Water Coordinator English, Building Inspector Pyburn, Chief of Police Estes, City Attorney Kidd, and Communications Specialist Van Camp

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Oliver led the Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

February 28, 2023 – Work Session Meeting

February 28, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Darrah 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 Turner, unanimously approved.

5. Mayoral/Council Remarks

Mayor Steil stated that she is excited about the new City Hall being completed. Chip Oliver, the contractor, did a wonderful job. She thanked Ed Steil and Dan McAfee for building the council podium, Dan McAfee for donating a refrigerator for the kitchenette, CBC and Sky Valley Chapel for the use of their rooms for council meetings, the website consultants, and Communication Specialist Van Camp's help on the Visitor Center's technology setup and website updates.

Councilor Curtis stated that the new City Hall exceeded his expectations along with the extension of Evergreen as the City is preparing Sky Valley for a bright future.

6. City Manager Report

City Manager Streetman welcomed everyone. Infrastructure updates include the completion of the second culvert on Sky Valley and paving projects: Walking Bear, WildBird, Snowshoe, and Evergreen. There is a priority list for additional paving projects and the City hopes to work with the County for group pricing on paving projects. Checking in on additional mailboxes as the need is exceeding the availability. A windscreen has been purchased for the pickleball court and the parking lot at City Hall will be restriped along with additional signage. On the financial side, the City is at approximately 32% of the 2023 Budget.

An intern will be working with the City this summer through Georgia Tech's PIN program. She will be involved in the July events, Fallfest, and marketing endeavors.

Councilor Darrah questioned the electrical franchise fee increase and delinquent property tax amounts.

6. Departmental Reports

Chief Estes expressed appreciation for the purchase of new body cameras for his officers. Reiterated the need to take down bird feeders as there is an increase in bear activity. His department will reevaluate procedures on handling house checks as different issues have arisen. Calls have increased

as the amount of traffic increases, along with the compactor not being used properly.

PW Superintendent Shope thanked all that was involved with the move. His department has been using the new Skid Steer on almost every project since purchased. He stated that they are continuing to redefine ditches, leaf vacuuming, grass cutting and tree trimming.

Building Inspector Pyburn went over the stats concerning permits issued. He has put up a sheet showing what requires a permit at the mailboxes and also talked about the importance of having a visible 911 sign at each residency.

Water Coordinator English talked about the new ground penetrator radar tool that will give the ability of water line locating. He also went over the requirements of issuing an "Boil Water Advisory".

7. Committee Reports

Gordon Brand, Marketing Chairman, talked about the visitor's website being updated and Sky Valley ads being purchased in magazines. Doug Hollingsworth has arranged for media specialists to come to Sky Valley on the 18th of May, which will give great exposure.

Cheryl Beckert, Landscaping Chairman, talked about two meetings so far this year. They are working with contracted Mark Wannamaker, at the different landscaped areas provided by the City. The Country Club along with the POA, will help with additional funding for plants/bushes.

Bill Oliver, Mayoral Advisory Committee, stated that a meeting has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., next Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider approval of Proclamation for National Arbor Day, April 28, 2023

City Manager Streetman talked about the Proclamation and the City's participation of planting a tree at the new City Hall on this day.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Nation Arbor Day, April 28 2023, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

10. Consider approval of Proclamation to recognize the life and memory of former employee, Bob Powers

City Manager Streetman read the Proclamation and stated that the City would like to designate an area near the pavilion as a memorial for Bob. A bench along with a tree will be placed there.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing the life and memory of Bob Powers, seconded by Councilor Darrah, unanimously approved.

11. Consider approval of Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week, April 30 – May 6, 2023

Mayor Steil, along with City Manager Streetman, thanked City Clerk Fleming and Deputy Clerk Blalock for all of their hard work.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing the week of April 30th as Municipal Clerks Week, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Public Forum and General Comments

Councilor Turner, Chairman of the Special Projects Committee stated that a City Cleanup is in the planning which will be along Bald Mountain Road from the entrance to the Junction.

13. 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 11:30 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".

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".

Karen Fleming, City Clerk