

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY EMERGENCY CALLED COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON A TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023, AT 10:00 A.M. AT 3608 HWY 246 (NEW CITY HALL) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING IS TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE FOR A 350/3500 DUAL AXLE DIESEL TRUCK, A DUAL WHEEL TANDEM AXLE GOOSE NECK TRAILER, AND TO ADOPT THE 8% HOTEL/MOTEL TAX RATE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Curtis

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

Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and stated the reason, as listed above, for the called Emergency Meeting.

Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Darrah led the invocation/pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

June 20, 2023-Public Hearing

June 20, 2023-Regular Council Meeting

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

OLD BUSINESS

Consider approval of Ordinance to increase the Hotel/Motel tax from 5% to 8%-2nd Reading

City Manager Streetman stated that the first reading was on the 20th of June. The increase was approved by the Georgia Assembly and approving the proposed City Ordinance is the final step. There is a specific breakdown of the distribution of the funds. In the past collection of the 5% tax, a 60/40 split was mandated with the city keeping 60% and 40% going to a marketing entity such as Forward Rabun. If the increase passes, the division of the 8% tax is as follows: 37.5% City, 43.75% to a marketing entity such as Forward Rabun, and 18.75% for such things as the city's brick and mortar, ie. Pickle ball Courts, Welcome Center.

Councilor Allred made a motion to approve the Ordinance to increase the Hotel/Motel tax from 5% to 8%, seconded by Councilor Allred, unanimously approved.

Consider approval of Ordinance to approve Disorderly House Ordinance – 2nd Reading

Mayor Steil stated that City Attorney Kidd aligned this ordinance with the Georgia's statutes. City Manager Streetman stated that the ordinance gives the city the ability to cite the offender and/or the homeowner. The first reading of the ordinance was on the 20th of June.

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the Disorderly House Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Darrah, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval to purchase one (1) 350/3500 dual axle diesel truck for public works in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 (T-SPLOST funded)

City Manager Streetman stated that there is an immediate need for the purchase of a truck for the transporting of heavy equipment. At present time we have a 2009 F550 and 2013 F350, which on the F350 the hitch broke due to the weight of a load. The presently owned heavy duty trucks have dump beds, which a goose neck trailer hitch cannot be installed thus there is the need for a new truck with a flat bed that will accommodate the hitch. A recommendation was made for the purchase of a Ford 350 truck, that has been quoted for \$74,917.00. The purchase price could be paid out of the T-SPLOST funds.

Councilor Darrah had questions pertaining to the use of a new truck. The questions were answered by PW Superintendent Shope, Water Coordinator English, and Safety Coordinator Henslee.

Councilor Turner made a motion to approve the purchase of a dual axle truck not to exceed \$80,000, seconded by Councilor Darrah, unanimously approved.

Consider approval to purchase one (1) dual wheel tandem axle goose neck trailer in an amount not the exceed \$30,000 (T-SPLOST funded)

City Manager Streetman stated that a trailer that meets the needs of the city, has been found for around \$18,000. Under the Financial Policy the purchase can be authorized by approval of the Mayor if it does not exceed \$25,000, but he would like to have it in the minutes explaining the need for the purchase. The old trailer has a cracked axle and can still be used, but only for light loads. The specs of the trailer that is needed are: 25 feet of deck space and the weight allowance is 17,900. Big Tex is the best deal and can be delivered to Commerce GA for us to pick up. The purchase of this trailer could be paid out of the T-SPLOST funds.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the purchase of a dual wheel tandem axle goose neck trailer not to exceed \$30,000, seconded by Councilor Darrah, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Forum and General Comments

No additional comments were made.

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 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Hollie Steil, Mayor

Attested:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk