

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, A TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M., HELD AT 3608 HWY 246 (NEW CITY HALL) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY, GA 30537

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Darrah

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Communication Specialist Van Camp, Public Works Superintendent Shope, and Water Coordinator English

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Discuss proposed FY2024 General Fund Budget and 2023 Millage Rate

Mayor Steil stated that the proposed 2024 Budget was posted on the City's website and available at City Hall for anyone to acquire. She asked City Manager Streetman to do a review. The proposal is to do a millage rollback going from 12.9914 mils to 11.5742 mils. This was made possible by property values going up, increase of Hotel/Motel taxes, T-SPLOST funds, and careful spending. General Fund Budget is proposed at \$1,499,999. Key revenues are property taxes, franchise taxes, permit fees, grants, fines, hotel/motel taxes, short term rental licensing, and miscellaneous. Expenses include Admin. \$373,939, Bldgs./Ground \$135,700, Police \$482,842, Fire \$131,144, Roads \$244,600, Misc. \$131,774. Bldgs./Gound has a capital outlay project (a third pickleball court) for \$45,000. An estimated \$30,000 will come from hotel/motel taxes that the City can keep for brick-and-mortar projects. The Police has a lease capital outlay expense of \$13,500 for a vehicle. Councilor Oliver stated that the budget increases were due to the Capital Plan integrated into the General Fund Budget as suggested by auditor. Decreases, under Roads, are in part of having T-SPLOST funds to use for projects. Increases include full time employment for Code Enforcer under Housing/Development and Special Events (for 4th of July event and Fall Fest). Under Admin., "other purchased services" is for the third-party monitoring service for short-term rentals, Granicus, in the amount of 20K.

Councilor Curtis asked about site plans being obtained for new construction and expressed his concern that some parcels are being overdeveloped. Mayor Steil stated that the P&Z Commission will be reviewing the building regulations that are currently in place. GMRC will be contacted for regulations of land use in Georgia.

4. Discuss proposed FY2024 Budgets for the Enterprise Fund (Water & Trash), Marketing Fund, and T-SPLOST Fund

City Manager Streetman did an overview of the Enterprise/Combined Utility Budget which included a capital purchase of \$49,100. This is potentially for a new well and property study for best location. Request for proposals will be put out for this project.

Marketing Budget

The proposed contribution from the City is to go from \$5,000 to \$3,000 due to the amount of time Communication Specialist Van Camp spends on marketing endeavors. The Marketing Committee Chairman, Gordon Brand, had sent in a proposed budget that consisted of \$19,209. This proposed budget is just a snapshot of the anticipated expenses and the final budget will be presented by the Committee to Mayor and Council, in January of 2024.

T-SPLOST

City Manager Streetman stated that this funding has been a game changer for the City. Councilor Oliver stated that the funding is coming from sales tax that was initiated by the County. The anticipated revenue for 2024 is \$600,000. There is a Capital Outlay Expense for \$60,000. This is for a HydroVac that would aid in the locating and digging around utilities during an installation or repair for the Public Works Department.

Councilor Oliver commended the management of the City for its efficiency. The millage rate has been rolled back three times in the past few years, of a total of four (4) mils.

5. Adjournment

Councilor Curtis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Oliver, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Fleming, City Clerk