

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2024 A TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M., 3608 HIGHWAY 246 (CITY HALL) & VIA TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM) SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Allred

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Communication Specialist Van Camp, Interim Police Chief Edwards, and Lt. Baumes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steil called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Oliver led the invocation/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 McAfee, unanimously approved.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Steil suggested amending the agenda. Item #5 “Consider approval to amend the Sky Valley Zoning Ordinance (Solar) – 2nd reading and adoption” to be postponed as the ordinance still needs tweaking and add an item #7, “Introduction of new Police Chief Tim Wallis”.

Councilor Curtis made a motion to amend the agenda with the two changes, seconded by Councilor Turner, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Consider Resolution to approve the 2024 Millage Rate

Mayor Steil stated that three public hearings have been held which have been properly advertised. She asked City Manager Streetman to read the Resolution and it reads as follows: “A resolution to set and declare the tax millage rate in the City of Sky Valley, GA for calendar year 2024. Whereas, the governing body of the City of Sky Valley is the Mayor and Council; and Whereas it is necessary to set and declare for the 2024 tax millage rate based on the 2024 digest and 5-year history of levy, which will be used to levy property taxes for the City of Sky Valley, GA; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Sky Valley, GA that for calendar year 2024 the gross millage rate is to be set at 9.609 mills.”

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve the Resolution setting the millage rate at 9.609 mills, seconded by Councilor McAfee, unanimously approved.

6. Consider Resolution to approve the FY2025 Budget

Mayor Steil thanked City Manager Streetman for his preparation of the proposed budget and asked him to read the Resolution. The Resolution reads as follows: "A resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget containing estimates of the proposed revenues and expenditures and to provide for the levy of taxes for expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025." The proposed budget is \$1,533,910.

Councilor McAfee made a motion to approve the Resolution for the FY2025 Budget, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

7. Introduction of new Police Chief, Tim Wallis

Mayor Steil stated that a hiring committee had been established and the job position had been advertised for a month. The City had received fifteen applications and four candidates had been chosen. Interviews and background checks were conducted, and Mr. Wallis had been un-animously agreed upon and he accepted the offer. She asked Chief Wallis if he would like to say a few words. He stated that it was an honor to have been hired. Him and his wife, Avie, love the area and have been looking for the last couple of years for a way to move to the mountains. He retired from the City of Lawrenceville in 2022 after four years of service. He has been in law enforcement for a total of 32 years. He gave additional information concerning his family and stated that they will be looking for property close by as he currently is living in Gwinnett County.

Mayor and Council welcomed him.

8. Adjournment

As there being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, Councilor McAfee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Curtis, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hollie Steil, Mayor

Attest:



Karen Fleming, City Clerk