

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,
GEORGIA ON AUGUST 28, 2018 AT TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY
VALLEY WAY**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor MacNair, Councilors Durpo, Howard, Piontkowski
and Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Larsen

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Fast, Deputy Clerk Mullins, City Attorney Kidd, Police Chief
Estes, Officer Edwards and Officer Baumes

1. Call to Order

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Maureen Platt gave the Invocation and Mayor MacNair led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

July 24, 2018 Preliminary Budget Work Session

July 24, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve minutes. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor MacNair requested to change the agenda to move item 13 Public Forum and General Comments before item 12 Executive Session. Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the change and adopt the agenda. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

5. Mayor's Remarks

Mayor MacNair said he usually does not have many remarks but stated we were all here for a purpose and that purpose is Sky Valley. He said that he and the council are trying to do the best they can. He appreciates all the good comments. He said people are welcome to email him and the council with any problems or questions or call city hall.

6. Council Remarks

Councilor Durpo- Good morning and welcome

Councilor Piontkowski- Nice to see a good turnout and need it more frequently.

Councilor Howard- Good morning. Would like to see more people attend the workshops.

Councilor Wheeler- Thanks for coming and thanks for the people who are coming to the workshops.

7. City Manager & Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions

City Clerk Fast stated that Labor Day holiday is on Monday so garbage will be picked up on Tuesday. If you have any questions please contact city hall.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Roofing Estimates- City Hall

Three estimates were submitted. Rabun County Roofing \$5,348.00, Shane Ramey \$5,962.00, & Georgia Mountain Roofing \$5,895.00. Councilor Piontkowski asked if the city has had any prior business with any of these companies. Mayor MacNair stated there had been business with all three companies. Councilor Howard made a motion to accept the low bid of \$5,348.00. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

9. Consider Donation of Water Tank to Boy Scout Troop #40

The city has an old water tank that was given many years ago and it has not been used. There has been a request from the Boy Scout Troop #40 as they have one area of the camp that does not have water. Mayor MacNair asked the council if they would consider donating the tank to Boy Scout Troop #40. Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to donate the water tank. Councilor Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

10. 2019 Rabun County Bicentennial Celebration- Helen Kleiber

Helen Kleiber is a member of the 2019 Bicentennial Celebration for Rabun County Committee and has asked for the City of Sky host a spring time Wildflower Hike, actually two separate hikes, both to be held on the same day during mid May when the early wildflowers bloom. She requested financial support from the city hoping they will consider including \$500-\$1000 in the budget to help fund the event.

11. Natural Resources Report- Ryan Watts, Wildlife Tech 2, Georgia Department of Natural Resources- Wildlife Resources Division

Ryan Watts with Georgia DNR provided an update about the bears in Sky Valley. He said that he has researched many ordinances from other cities and highly recommended that Sky Valley create an ordinance that will aid in the deterrence of bears by removing bird feeders and any other food source. He said he has been here since May and has captured four bears and relocated them. He said many bears will return to their original location. He stated that the bear population has exploded as their food source last year was not good. He expressed the best solution for the city would be to adopt an ordinance as he cannot spend all his time in Sky Valley as he does cover more areas in Georgia with his position at DNR.

12. Public Forum and General Comments

Steve Brett a former mayor of Sky Valley said he had worked with Linda during his term as mayor and had never been involved with someone as bright as she is. He said she was good to work with as there are three other living mayors that have the same feelings about her. He asked council to take into consideration the seventeen years she has given to the city and not throw it down the drain. He said Linda was one of the best city managers in the state of Georgia and said let's get it right guys.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Executive Session-Personnel

To discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city official or employee. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (6))

Councilor Durpo made a motion to go into executive session. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Councilor Howard made a motion to reconvene the regular session. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Councilor Wheeler made a motion under sections 1 and 9 of the city's employment agreement with Linda Lapeyrouse that the city terminate without cause the service of Linda Lapeyrouse and will pay full severance pay per sections 10 and 5. Councilor Piontkowski seconded the motion. The mayor called for the vote with Councilors Wheeler, Piontkowski, & Durpo voting aye, Councilor Howard voting nay. The motion passed 3-1.

14. Adjournment

Councilor Durpo made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert MacNair". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Robert MacNair, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ella Fast". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Ella Fast, City Clerk