

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
OCTOBER 23, 2018  
TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM  
CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - September 20, 2018 Budget Work Session
  - September 20, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting
  - September 25, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
  - October 10, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting
  - October 10, 2018 Budget Work Session
- 4. Adoption of Agenda**
- 5. Mayor's Remarks**
- 6. Council Remarks**
- 7. Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 8. Consider making a section of Saddleback Circle to Park Lane two way**
- 9. Service Deliver Strategy Update**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10. Public Forum and General Comments**
- 11. Adjournment**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,  
GEORGIA ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 AT 10:00 AM, 696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor MacNair, Councilors Larsen, Piontkowski, & Wheeler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilors Durpo & Howard

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Clerk Fast and Deputy Clerk Mullins

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Discussion for the 2019 Budget**

City Clerk Ella Fast thanked everyone for coming. She stated that she is currently working on the budget putting some amounts and figures together. She asked to have this meeting so she could ask council questions as she still looking at the budget as a preliminary basis. She stated the millage rate needs to be set as soon as possible and would like to set the millage rate at the same time that the budget is adopted. City Clerk Fast has reviewed revenues and asked for suggestions in possibly some increases although that is not highly favored. She explained how decreasing the homestead exemption in half would increase revenues by \$19,000. Councilor Piontkowski said there are 97 residents filing a homestead exemption. He said they would be penalized for taking up the slack for the rest of the homes who do not file the exemption. City Clerk Fast went over possible increases in rates for water and garbage services on a sliding scale. City Clerk Fast also mentioned upgrading equipment and looking for some source of revenue in addition to what the city currently has. Resident Ed Steil asked what the projected cost increases are and where are they. City Clerk Fast said she is looking at capital as there is equipment that is out of date. Telemetry was recently down and had to be upgraded. Resident Debbie McAfee asked about increases in cost of machinery and why are costs going up. City Clerk Fast said some of the city equipment is old and would cost more to fix then to replace it. Resident Ed Steil asked if there was still money in capital improvement account and City Clerk Fast said there were still funds there but was unclear of the figure. Councilor Wheeler explained not all records are available as there are some records not found for an open records request for previous years SPLOST. Discussion went on about auditing and figures that are readily available as the budget process is ongoing. Councilor Piontkowski stated that the city needs time to sort through everything. City Clerk Fast said she is working on figures and just needs time to put out true figures. Resident Steve Mason said he heard there was difficulty finding staff for the police department. Mayor MacNair commented that the department has budgeted for an increase for another officer and the police chief has been looking and the job has been advertised. Chief Estes stated that are zero applicants and it is not a popular profession. He said it's not just here in Sky Valley but other cities and counties are having difficulty with staffing their departments. Resident Steve Mason asked how many more budget meetings will be held. City Clerk stated there would be a minimum of two more meetings and

explained the process of what has to be advertised with the budget and millage rate process.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **4. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert MacNair, Mayor

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Ella Fast, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BUDGET WORK SESSION AT CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor MacNair, Councilors Larsen, Piontkowski, & Wheeler

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilors Durpo & Howard

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Clerk Fast and Deputy Clerk Mullins

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**3. 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))

A motion was made to go into executive session by Councilor Piontkowski, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, unanimously approved.

A motion to reconvene regular session was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to appoint Ella Fast as interim city manager, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, unanimously approved.

**4. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert MacNair, Mayor

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Ella Fast, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,  
GEORGIA ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY  
VALLEY WAY**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Fast, Deputy Clerk Mullins, City Attorney Kidd,  
Police Chief Estes

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Neil Howard gave the Invocation and Mayor MacNair led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Approval of Minutes**

July 17, 2018 Work Session

July 31, 2018 Preliminary Budget Work Session

August 22, 2018 Work Session

August 28, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Councilor Howard,  
unanimously approved.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Durpo,  
unanimously approved.

**5. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor MacNair said it was great to see many people on a rainy day and thanked everyone for  
coming to the meeting.

**6. Council Remarks**

Councilor Larsen- Read a statement regarding the issues that occurred in her absence.

Councilor Piontkowski- Nice to see a good turnout and need it more frequently. Said that we  
need to come together and not be divisive. Change can be difficult even if it is good change. We  
need to move forward.

Councilor Durpo- Good to see a crowd. Stated to Councilor Larsen that there were countless SDS  
meetings that everyone has been invited to. Discussed SDS and SPLOST issues with the county.

Councilor Howard- Good morning. Addressed Councilor Larsen stating that he did go meet with  
Harrison Merrill but not as a councilor and said that he is always available to contact if needed.

Councilor Wheeler- Thanks for coming and addressed Councilor Larsen that he is available for  
for phone calls with any questions. He allowed Hughel Goodgame to make a comment saying that  
he would like the county to come up and address the SDS and SPLSOT issues.

**7. City Manager & Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions**

Interim City Manager Fast showed the flyer for FallFest stating that vendors have been contacted  
and asked for volunteers as it will be held October 20, 2018 at the City pavilion area. She stated the  
hay bale decorations have begun and need the help of the community.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. Consider Request from Louise Kail, 124 Pleasant Mountain, Waive Tree Ordinance Requirement**

Councilor Larsen made a motion to waive the tree ordinance, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

### **9. Consider Request from Hank & Jo Kelly, 171 Buttermilk Circle, Waive Tree Ordinance Requirement**

Councilor Larsen made a motion to waive the tree ordinance, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

### **10. Consider Approving Search Committee for City Manager**

Mayor MacNair said the search committee is made up of the Mayor himself, Council President Durpo, one council member Al Piontkowski, and two citizens, Moody Barrick and Debbie Curtis. Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the committee, seconded by Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11. Public Forum & General Comments**

Debbie Dalhouse stated the POA is hosting a candidate forum on October 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the CBC for the three candidates that are on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 city election. Milt Gillespie suggested a second moderator from outside the city help at the forum. Hughel Goodgame mentioned that the Mayor of Clayton had been up here but did not have Greg James, Chairman of the county commission here to explain the county's side. Councilor Wheeler said he invited Mr. James to come up and he did not. Councilor Wheeler asked Interim City Manager to contact Mr. James to come to Sky Valley. Resident Jackie Bell stated that the waterway and the dam looks awful and needs to be cleaned up. Councilor Durpo stated that the issue would be addressed especially with FallFest being held near that area. Resident Gil Aldridge of 37 Saddleback Circle addressed the Mayor and Council asking why they fired Linda Lapeyrouse. City Attorney Kidd responded saying that the contract Linda had with the city would expire in January 2019. In order to renegotiate the contract or let Linda go the city would have to give 60 days notice. It was decided to look elsewhere for a city manager rather than renegotiate the contract with Linda. More discussion continued as residents spoke regarding the city manager issue. Resident Sue Piontkowski stated the city employees are doing a fine job and need to be supported. Councilor Howard commented that he appreciated the attendance and the comments and would like to see more active in the city including people running for office. Councilor Piontkowski said that venting is important and necessary but it is time to move forward. Resident Robert Larsen asked to see dialogue between council and people regarding SPLOST. He said to we need to do research and get involved in this decision. Councilor Durpo agreed with Robert Larsen and said he has put out a ton of information about SPLOST and SDS. More discussion went on about SPLOST and SDS and the city audit. Debbie Dalhouse thanked the Mayor, Council, and city staff as she said it was one of the best city meetings had in quite some time where there was open dialogue back and forth and all voiced opinions, listened respectfully, and responded respectfully. Councilor Larsen recognized the city staff and thanked them for their work. Resident Jane Lively wanted to know where the meeting notice signs were to inform residents of the meetings. City Public Works director James Holbrooks said the police place them out but with their department being short staffed the chief had not placed the signs out and asked public works to do so but it was already meeting time when asked.

**12.Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Piontkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Durpo, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert MacNair, Mayor

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Ella Fast, City Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018, 9:00AM AT CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY WAY**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Interim Manager Fast, Deputy Clerk Mullins, City Attorney Kidd, Police Chief Estes, & Public Works Superintendent James Holbrooks

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2019 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects**

A motion to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

**4. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert MacNair, Mayor

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Ella Fast, City Clerk



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,  
GEORGIA ON OCTOBER 10, 2018 IMMEDIATELY AFTER SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
696 SKY VALLEY WAY (OLD LODGE)**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Interim Manager Fast, Deputy Clerk Mullins, City Attorney Kidd, Police Chief Estes, & Public Works Superintendent James Holbrooks

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Howard made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Councilor Wheeler, unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Discussion for the 2019 Budget**

City Interim Manager Fast reviewed the budget going over each department. The departments listed are Administration, Police Department. Roads, Economic Development, Capital, Water, and Solid Waste.

Councilor Durpo mentioned waiving tap on fees or reducing the fee for new homes built. Discussion went on about closing the visitor center and utilizing the building in the future for City Hall and move the Police Department to the current city hall location. Resident Bill Horton suggested renting out the visitor center area for income. Resident Al Lee commended City Interim Manager Fast for wearing two hats and for being proactive in showing how the city spends money with her work on the budget. He asked if it were possible to hire a temp worker to fill the vacancy at city hall until someone is hired. City Interim Manager Fast said that the city currently does have some part time help and she appreciated the kind comments. Other residents had questions on the budget and were answered. Resident Barbara Kobacker asked if the city could raise awareness that the green 911 signs are available to purchase as they look nicer and more uniform.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**4. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Wheeler, seconded by Councilor Durpo, unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert MacNair, Mayor

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Ella Fast, City Clerk

<b>Housing &amp; Development Departmental Data Report</b>	<b>For month ending September 30, 2018</b>		
	<b>Sept 2018</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2017 YTD</b>
New Residential & Commercial permits issued	0	0	1
All other addition, remodel and repair permits	12	93	83
Certificates of Occupancy issued	0	0	0
Total New Construction not yet finalized	0		0
Total Other Construction not yet finalized	6		6
Notices to Comply issued	0	0	0
Stop Work Orders issued	0	0	0
Tree Cutting permits issued	8	71	72
Code & Ordinance Violations cited	0	1	0
<b>Fees Collected</b>			
	<b>Sept 2018</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2017 YTD</b>
New Residential or Commercial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Addition, Remodel, Repair Permits	\$605.00	\$5,633.00	\$3,325.00
Tree Cutting Permits	\$405.00	\$3,570.00	\$2,765.00
Land Disturbing Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fines Collected for Ordinance Violations	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00

# Sky Valley Police Department



## Monthly Count Sheet For Sept. 2018

Fire	0
Med Call	6
Accident	0
Family Viol.	0
Fight/Assault	0
Death/Suicide	0
Missing Person	0
Burglary/Break in	0
Theft	1 case # 20180901
Susp. Activity	0
Susp. Person	2
Susp. Vehicle	0
Alarm	0
Investigation	0
DUI/PUI	0
Drug Related	0
Juvenile	0
Traffic Control	9
Traffic Stop	16
Mutual Aid	5
Animal	1 hog, 1 bear, 1 squirrel, 7 dogs
Lost And Found	0
Complaint	0
City Ord.	1
Resident Assist	19
Resident Check	208
Business Check	145
Welfare Check	18
Visitor Escort	3
Visitor Assist	3
Arrest	0
Warning	16
Citation	0
911 Calls	6
Mileage	2152

<b>Totals Report For 2014 Taxes</b>				
<b>September 2018</b>				
<b>Tax Commissioner</b>				
	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2014 Ad Valorem Tax	953,344.25	948,356.10	4,890.29-	97.86
Interest	1800.92	1767.17	0	33.75
Penalty	1387.45	1377.66	0	9.79
Costs	940.00	918.00	0	22.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>957,472.62</b>	<b>952,418.93</b>	<b>4890.29-</b>	<b>163.40</b>

**Collected: 99.98 %**

<b>Totals Report For 2015 Taxes</b>				
<b>September 2018</b>				
<b>Tax Commissioner</b>				
	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2015 Ad Valorem Tax	945099.76	944,848.33	467.14+	718.57
Interest	2280.97	2105.02	0	175.95
Penalty	1627.68	1555.83	0	71.85
Costs	4036.00	3640.00	0	396.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>953,044.41</b>	<b>952,149.18</b>	<b>467.14+</b>	<b>1362.37</b>

**Collected: 99.92%**

<b>Totals Report For 2016 Taxes</b>				
<b>September 2018</b>				
<b>Tax Commissioner</b>				
	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2016 Ad Valorem Tax	943,040.34	940,011.83	(-2,626.45)	402.06
Interest	1097.59	1032.85		64.74
Penalty	414.93	400.93		14.00
Costs	7,150.31	6319.01		831.30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>951,703.17</b>	<b>947,764.62</b>	<b>(-2,626.45)</b>	<b>1312.10</b>

**Collected: 99.96%**

<b>Totals Report For 2017 Taxes</b>				
<b>September 2018</b>				
<b>Tax Commissioner</b>				
	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2017 Ad Valorem Tax	942,962.54	943,010.28	+841.96	794.22
Interest	1195.42	1145.99	0.00	49.43
Penalty	79.42			79.42
Costs	8052.00	6396.00		1656.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>952,289.38</b>	<b>950,552.27</b>	<b>+841.96</b>	<b>2579.07</b>

**Collected 99.91%**