

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,  
GEORGIA ON NOVEMBER 27, 2018 AT TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY  
VALLEY WAY**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Howard

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

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor MacNair led in a silent prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

October 16, 2018 Work Session

October 23, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

October 25, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting

November 1, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting

November 13, 2018 Special Called Council Meeting

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**5. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor MacNair- Hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving as he did with family over the holidays.

**6. Council Remarks - Limit time to three minutes**

Councilor Larsen-shared an email from Hays Howard stating that Neil had his surgery and all went  
well. She thanked everyone for all the prayers.

Councilor Wheeler- Thanked everyone for coming. He mentioned an email that Councilor Larsen  
had sent out on November 14 regarding an offer from the county and asked Councilor Larsen for an  
update. Councilor Larsen said that he knew far more about it than she did and apologized to  
everyone she sent the email to as she was wrong. Councilor Wheeler appreciated the apology.

Councilor Durpo-Good morning to everyone and hope all had a great Thanksgiving.

Councilor Piontkowski-He addressed some of the activity and comments Councilor Larsen made on  
September 25, 2018 to the entire council. He said she made allegations that the council was not  
being transparent and not including her in issues with the city. Councilor Piontkowski said he had  
asked to meet with her to discuss her public comments and she did not comment. He spoke about  
how Councilor Durpo and Councilor Wheeler were appointed by the Mayor to represent Sky Valley  
with SDS and Splost. He mentioned that GMA conducts seminars for all elected officials in Georgia  
and one this year had to do with SDS(Service Delivery Strategy). Councilor Piontkowski hopes that  
by sharing what he believes that next year they can all work together.

## **7. Department Reports – Exceptions and Questions**

Interim City Manager Fast said monthly reports from the building inspector and tax commissioner are included in the council packets. She also mentioned that tax bills have gone out and are due on January 9, 2019. She said that if anyone has questions or comments that they can call the office or come by as she will help any way she can.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. Consider making a section of Saddleback Circle to Park Lane one way**

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to approve the section of Saddleback Circle to Park Lane a one way street, seconded by Councilor Durpo, unanimously approved.

### **9. Consider request from Raine Tillman 305 Pleasant Mountain Drive**

Councilor Piontkowski made a motion to approve the request from Raine Tillman regarding the tree permit, seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Councilor Durpo stated that the 150 acre tract that backs up to this property has no houses and is vacant. The motion passed unanimously.

### **10. Consider Bid(s) for the Mud Slide Repair**

Interim City Manager Fast said there were two bids submitted. Aerial Tree Service submitted a bid for \$12,467.00 and Precision Paving at \$10,673.00. She recommended accepting the bid from Precision Paving. Councilor Durpo asked if the company has workers comp and liability insurance that is required. Interim City Manager Fast said the company is covered. Councilor Wheeler made a motion to accept the bid from Precision Paving, seconded by Councilor Piontkowski, unanimously approved.

### **11. Consider the appointment of City Manager and Employment Agreement**

Mayor MacNair said a committee was appointed and has reviewed the resume submitted by Ella Fast. He said four of the five on the committee said she well qualified to be the new city manager. Mayor MacNair asked for a motion to approve Ella Fast as City Manager. Councilor Wheeler made the motion, seconded by Councilor Durpo. Councilor Larsen asked if an employee financial agreement has been set up. Mayor MacNair said yes that is has been set up. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **12. Public Forum and General Comments**

Resident Jim Curtis asked a question on the decision to make the section of Saddleback Circle to Park lane a one way street. Mayor MacNair said for twenty five years it has been a one way street and the last mayor asked to change it to be a two way Street as he said that he had a hundred people requesting it. He said the council that was in office then approved the change. Mayor MacNair mentioned that people have complained about meeting trucks on the road and cannot get by and in winter time is very icy. Mr. Curtis asked if there was any discussion about diverting traffic from Saddleback to Big Bear Trail. Mayor MacNair said no. Councilor Piontkowski said he has went and measured various locations along that stretch and there a couple of spots where the width of the paved road is ten feet four inches. An average car is six feet so there is no where to go off the road on the shoulder to get by. He said the cost to widen the road would be cost prohibitive and the cost benefit would be better used on Alpine. Mr. Curtis thanked Councilor Piontkowski and said he raised this question because it's important for our citizens to see how we make decisions about topics like the road so they aren't guessing. Resident Barbara Kobacker said Pleasant Mountain Drive has some of the greatest drop offs so drive carefully on that street. She asked if the one way on Saddleback is coming up or going down. Mayor MacNair said the one way is coming down. Resident Debbie McAfee said she spent many hours volunteering at the visitor center and she wasn't aware it was brought up at a workshop to close it. She asked how long it would stay closed and what are the future plans. Councilor Wheeler said there are no current plans right now.

Patty Calderone and Ed West are still using their rented areas. Debbie asked for the topic to be listed at a workshop.

**13. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert MacNair".

Robert MacNair, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alyssa Mullins".

Alyssa Mullins, Deputy City Clerk