

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY,  
GEORGIA ON JULY 24, 2018 AT TUESDAY AT 10:00 AM CBC (OLD LODGE), 696 SKY VALLEY  
WAY**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilor Piontkowski

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Fast, City Attorney Kidd, and  
Officer David Edwards

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor MacNair called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

June 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

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

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Councilor Durpo made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**5. Mayor's Remarks**

Mayor MacNair thanked everyone for coming. He asked that all questions be directed to City Hall.

**6. Council Remarks**

Councilor Howard- thanked everyone for coming.

Councilor Durpo- thanked everyone for coming.

Councilor Larsen- thanked everyone for showing up.

Councilor Wheeler- thanked everyone for coming out and he appreciates your attendance.

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

City Manager Lapeyrouse provided monthly reports and advised road paving will begin in August.

**PROGRESS REPORT**

**8. Health & Wellness Program – Spring into Action Weight Loss**

City Clerk Fast presented Bob Powers a certificate of award for highest percentage of weight loss.

**9. Pavilion-Concrete pad & grills are installed with in-house labor/Electrical Plan- out for Rebid**

Mayor MacNair gave update on the Pavilion.

**10. SPLOST- Meeting with the County July 19th**

City Manager Lapeyrouse stated she turned the request in to the County.

**11. Hotel/Motel Tax/Downtown Development Authority**

No action taken, item will be placed on the next work session agenda.

**12. Bucket Truck- To be evaluated with the 2019 Budget**

No action taken, item will be placed on the next work session agenda.

**13. Overlook Fencing – Bid Received to be discussed in Preliminary Budget Meeting**

No action taken, item will be placed on the next work session agenda.

**14. Tree Trimming – Bid Received (Further negotiations on going)**

No action taken, item will be placed on the next work session agenda.

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

Ryan Watts provided a detailed update on the bears and stated it is very dangerous feeding bears. He suggested the city set standard for the bear problem, by passing an ordinance not allowing bird feeders April through September. He also suggested an email be sent out to inform everyone not to feed the bears.

Hogs were also addressed, advising he has already captured 20 plus hogs. They are continuing to show up and pens are still being monitored. He hopes to reduce the number of hogs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**16. Rabun County/Sky Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan- Katy Westbrook**

**Consider Resolution for Adoption of Plan**

Katy Westbrook provided an update on how the plan was developed and how important is it to the community.

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the Resolution for Adoption of the Plan. Councilor Durpo seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**17. Speed Zone Ordinance**

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the Speed Zone Ordinance. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**18. Consider Resolution for Brunch Bill Referendum- SB 17**

Councilor Wheeler made a motion to approve the Resolution for Brunch Bill Referendum- SB17. Councilor Larsen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**19. Consider Request from Barbara Kobacker – 407 Pleasant Mountain**

Barbara Kobacker was present for the meeting. Her request was to allow her tree cutter to leave her four trees on her property due the steep terrain.

Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the request from Barbara Kobacker- 407 Pleasant Mountain.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**20. Public Forum and General Comments**

Rudy Masi it was great see Council collaborating today and open communication helps.

He also acknowledged Councilor Howard for his public apology.

Rudy Masi thanked the thirteen volunteers and two employees that came out to help with Kudzu Clean up.

Barbara Kobacker suggested the city educate and advocate for the bear problem. Her suggestions included creating a plan.

Debbie Dalhouse Curtis advised the Property Owners Association will send out an email about the bear situation in Sky Valley. The Garden Club has someone scheduled to speak at the August meeting – Bear Awareness.

Robert Larsen stated this needs to be an education system about the bears.

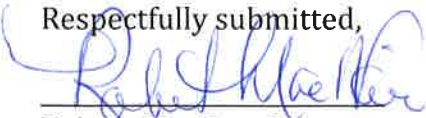
Council Durpo advised timeshares, rental agencies and VRBO should also be advised.  
Men's South Golf Association invited the Mayor and Council to the welcome back to Sky Valley meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**21. Adjournment**

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

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert MacNair, Mayor



Ella Fast, City Clerk