

MINUTES OF THE SVPOA GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 20, 2019

President Steve Mason called the meeting to order at 3 PM / Adjourned at 4 PM

Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund

- Steve Mason circulated a sign-up sheet for 8 volunteers to set up before and 6 volunteers to clean up after the Sid Weber BBQ on July 5.
- Milt Gillespie asked people to buy tickets \$13 for adults/\$8 for children for pork and chicken BBQ.
- Helen Kleiber asked for participants to play Rummikub on July 19 for a \$50 donation to the Sid Weber Fund.

CPR Training

- Steve Mason circulated a sign-up sheet for people interested in free CPR training provided by Sky Valley-Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Department trainer Kay Shelburne.
- SVPOA will contact interested people to schedule the training in July.

July 4 events

- Steve Mason reported that the Rubber Duck Race will be at 10:30 a.m. with a parade from the country club to the city pavilion at 11 a.m. and lunch at the city pavilion provided by the Valley Café at 11:30 a.m.

Wild pig update – Steve Mason

- 44 wild pigs were trapped last year and 11 have been trapped so far this year – 9 of this year's pigs were pregnant sows.
- SVPOA and the Country Club will share the cost to purchase a second trap and donate it to the City to prevent property damage by wild pigs.

State of the City report – Mayor Bob MacNair

- We're using City Council members to run the City. Council members have been sent to training.
- Police department is almost at full staff. City has ordered a police version of a Dodge Durango and hopes to have all police vehicles equipped per state requirements.
- The overlook fence has been replaced; landowner Harrison Merrill approved the design.
- The City purchased one hog pen that Officer David Edwards is operating. He will also operate the second trap that SVPOA and the Country Club are donating.
- City Council passed the first bear ordinance in Georgia. In time the bears will look for natural food.
- Public Works equipment is old and needs to be replaced. The City is looking for used equipment in good condition.
- Police are using radar on Highway 246 to slow down speeders.
- City Council received an engineering report on June 17 that estimated the cost of repairs to the collapsing culvert on Knob Drive at \$80,000. The City requested bids to be turned in by June 28.
- Road repaving contractors in the future will be required to shave roads and clear shoulders to avoid drop-offs. Public Works will trim roadside shrubs in the winter.
- The pond and dam across from the Post Office belong to Harrison Merrill. The City cannot dredge the pond.
- Improving the walking trail at the park is on the City's "to do" list.

State of the County report – Chamber of Commerce Director Tony Allred

- The Chamber is very proud of this part of the County.
- Thank you for creating the Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund.
- The County has created a “Keep Rabun Beautiful” program that is an official member of “Keep America Beautiful.”
- The County has received a \$10,000 grant to clean cigarette butts from waterways. This money is available to communities that wish to clear cigarette butts from their waterways.
- The County seriously appreciates military veterans; the Chamber hosts an appreciation dinner around November 11 at the Civic Center. The meal is provided by the Dillard House. There is no charge for veterans and a minimal charge for community members who wish to attend.
- The Chamber sponsors the Clayton Christmas Parade on the first Saturday in December.
- Business in the County is going great. There are strong rumors of 3 new luxury hotels coming to Clayton.
- The movie “Hillbilly Elegy” was filmed in Clayton earlier this month, directed by Ron Howard.
- We would love to get Sky Valley more involved in the County

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dalhouse Curtis, secretary