

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
JUNE 14, 2016  
TUESDAY, 10:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MINUTES**

Council President Lively called the meeting to order. Those present: Council President Lively, Councilors Carr, Howard, and Steil, City Manager Lapeyrouse, Chief Mason, and City Clerk Cantrell.

Council President Lively said that Mayor Goodgame was attending a meeting of the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority.

Cathy Turner gave the invocation. Council President Lively led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Councilor Steil made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Council President Lively said that he believes the Craft Beer Festival was much more successful than last year, and we learn so much each event to make them better going forward.

Council President Lively gave an update on the police vehicle lease program stating that we are still gathering information on lease options and will come back with more information.

Councilor Howard thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilor Steil thanked everyone for attending. He recognized the Sky Valley volunteers who work with Habitat for Humanity. He also thanked the Garden Club for their work in the city.

Councilor Carr thanked the city staff for all of their work on the different events we are hosting in the City. She encouraged everyone to come out and support the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

Council President Lively gave an update on the Community Bible Church's progress of the lodge, and said that he believes their first service will be July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

City Manager Lapeyrouse reported on the schedule of events for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend celebration. Information is available on the city's website.

City Hall will be closed Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lapeyrouse also reported statistics for the website, Facebook page, and the visitor center. We had 227 people stop by the visitor's center in April.

City Clerk Cantrell gave an update on the financial software conversion.

Council President Lively said that he believes with the increase in visits to the website, likes on the Facebook page, and people stopping by the visitor center, we are beginning to see the results of our marketing efforts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mud Creek Name Change

Council President Lively asked Ms. Dalhouse to present information on Mud Creek.

Debbie Dalhouse said that Mayor Goodgame requested her and Jim Curtis do research on Mud Creek. Until 1975, the creek was known as Estatoah Creek. She said they could not find how, why, or by whom the creek's name was changed from Estatoah to Mud Creek. Estatoah is a Native American word that means "shimmering water." She said that the creek is only in Rabun County and recommends working with the City of Dillard if we want to move forward and request changing the name back to Estatoah because the creek flows into the Little Tennessee in Dillard. Jim Curtis mentioned the Mud Creek Falls name could also be changed to Upper Estatoah since Estatoah Falls is the name of the waterfall below Sky Valley that is seen from Hwy 246.

Council President Lively said that we are not ready to make a decision about the name change, and that we wanted to gather information and get more input. Councilor Steil made a motion to defer this to the Long Range Planning Committee and for the committee to work with Debbie and Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

Connie Larsen said that the annual Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund BBQ tickets are available at City Hall, Century 21, Visitor Center, and through her. Tickets are advanced purchase only and should be made payable to SWMCF.

Rudi Masi thanked the City Manager and the city for working with them on a way to have a nativity scene and menorah display. He thanked everyone for working together to make this happen and said donations can be made to the Sky Valley Nativity and Menorah Display and dropped by the Sky Valley Club's Pro Shop.

Councilor Steil asked for an update on the gentleman who fell over the railing. Chief Mason said that he is currently in a rehabilitation facility.

Councilor Steil asked if we have a way to inspect decks. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that in the past, we have offered to inspect decks for free if people request it. However, we cannot go on private property without being invited to look at decks. If it is something we can see from the road, then we can send notice to the property owner. She said that she can send out an email again offering that service.

Jim Curtis said that after pressure washing his deck, he noticed repairs that needed to be made and encouraged people to maintain the decks.

Council President Lively said that it is thanks to the Police Department and the Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Department that this person is still alive.

Council President Lively thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

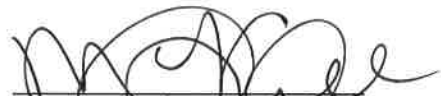
Councilor Howard made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

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Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandi", written over a horizontal line.

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk