

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
TUESDAY, 10:00 A.M.
696 SKY VALLEY WAY, (LODGE)
MINUTES**

Those present: Mayor Goodgame, Council President Lively, Councilors Howard, MacNair, Morley and Steil, City Manager Lapeyrouse, and City Clerk Fast.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Connie Larsen gave the Invocation and Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 23, 2016 Regular Council Meeting - City Clerk Fast read the original version of the minutes and read the amended section of the minutes under Public Form and General Comments. Councilor Steil made the motion to postpone the adoption of the amended minutes until the Council had been given a written copy with highlighted changes. The motion to postpone was 2nd by Councilor by Councilor Morley and passed unanimously.

September 2, 2016 Special Called Council Meeting - Councilor MacNair made the motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Goodgame thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their continued support on what we are trying to do. He also thanked the vast majority of citizens of Sky Valley that have remained positive and patient as we work our way through a very difficult time. In addition, Mayor Goodgame stated we have been advised not to discuss the matter and appreciated everyone for understanding.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor MacNair thanked everyone for being there.

Councilor Howard stated as he was coming back to Sky Valley, he noticed that Georgia Power had installed the four lights on Sky Valley Way and that they are a great improvement.

Councilor Steil stated after being out west for two weeks in the desolate desert and sand, coming back to the wonderful, beautiful green forest makes such a difference. It makes you glad to be here in Sky Valley. Thank you for being here and God Bless Sky Valley.

Councilor Lively thanked everyone for coming and stated that he really appreciated the support. In addition, he thanked everyone for getting involved in their government.

Councilor Morley stated she wished she could keep things on a higher level in her short time and keep smiling.

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

City Manager Lapeyrouse reported on the following:

Budget Hearing on the 2017 Budget and 2016 millage rate will immediately follow this meeting. The City of Sky Valley General Election scheduled for November 8, 2016 has been cancelled. The following candidates have qualified for office and are unopposed:

For Councilmember: Chip Durpo

For Councilmember: Connie Larsen

The above unopposed candidates shall be deemed to have voted for themselves.

The Sky Valley Fallfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd from 10 AM to 4 PM. We sent out a call for volunteers. If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time, please call us to get signed up. It takes a lot of volunteers to make Fallfest successful.

Last year we had over 32,000 unique visitors to the website. This year, we have had 23,086 unique visitors to the website, including 2,366 during the month of August.

The City's e-mail distribution list is used frequently to keep everyone informed during inclement weather and for current events. This is our best way of staying connected with the residents. We also utilize a phone system for relaying urgent information. If you are not on these lists, please contact City Hall or sign up through the home page on our website.

The Sky Valley Visitor Center opened for the year on April 4th. So far this year, we have had the opportunity to greet 1,306 visitors, including 251 during the month of August. Our longest distance travelers came from Australia, Israel, Indiana, Texas, California, Canada and Wisconsin. The hours for the Visitor Center are Monday – Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM. We appreciate the volunteers that filled in for Linda Sloope while she was on vacation.

A second copy of the Housing and Development Report has been provided with 2015-updated information for August.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Inter-Local/Mutual Aid Agreement

Council Howard made a motion to approve the Inter-Local/Mutual Aid Agreement. Councilor MacNair seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- Consider Appointment of Police Chief Search Panel

Mayor Goodgame provide nine names which included Councilors Steil, MacNair, Lively, citizens Ben Chitwood, Debbie Dalhouse, David Spears, Jack Fortson and per the charter to include himself and City Manager Lapeyrouse. Councilor Lively made a motion to approve the panel presented. Councilor Steil seconded the motion. Council MacNair recommended that Councilor Lively and Steil not serve again

on the panel. Allen Piontkowski asked to be on the selection panel. He has a background in law enforcement and has been involved in numerous investigations. Carol Hughes suggested John Murphy for the panel. Council President Lively made a motion to amend his motion to add Piontkowski and Murphy and remove his name. After more debate, the motion failed. Councilor Steil moved to table the decision until the next meeting. Council Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

- Consider Resolution Declaring Property Surplus of Parcel ID 058A 525

Councilor Howard moved to approve the Resolution Declaring Property Surplus of Parcel ID 058A 525. Councilor Lively seconded the motion and passed unanimously. **Resolution 16-02**

- Nomination & selection of one Planning & Zoning Commission Member to fill vacancy

Councilor MacNair made a motion to approve the nomination and selection of Ben Chitwood to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilor Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Jim Martindale said that the intent of the charter was that “shall” means must. Comment on agenda items should be allowed.

Bill Horton stated that the charter is very definitive about the word “shall.”

Mayor Goodgame said that it only happened once, and he is for letting people talk about items on the agenda.

Jon Shebel made comments about the pending legal matter and made suggestions to the Council on how it should be handled by the City.

ADJOURNMENT

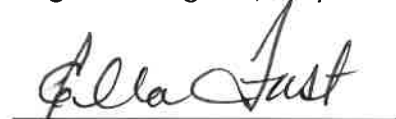
Councilor Lively made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howard seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Hughel Goodgame, Mayor



Ella Fast, City Clerk