

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 27, 2015
TUESDAY, 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MINUTES

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

Those present: Mayor Goodgame, Council President Carr, Councilors Greene, Howard, Larsen, and Lively, City Manager Lapeyrouse, Chief Dills, and City Clerk Cantrell.

Truman Barber gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Lively made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14 Public Hearing and the September 22 Regular Council Meeting, 2nd Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilor Howard made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2nd Councilor Greene, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Goodgame reported that we had a fantastic month in October. He said he has never seen such a great community effort as he did with so many working together on Fallfest and the fall decorations. The City employees, the POA, Garden Club, Country Club, Timeshares, every group in the city worked together. He said he has received great feedback regarding the event. The visitor center had over 100 visitors last week.

We have hired Linda Sloope to work at the visitor center on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. She started on Friday and had over 25 visitors that first day. We are really excited about what is happening with the visitor center. We will be staffing it with regular employees during the rest of the week during tourist seasons.

We were able to have the paving and striping completed before Fallfest. We will be working to build up road shoulders during the winter.

We have a new sign ordered for the visitor center that will incorporate all tenants on one sign.

Mayor Goodgame said that we have some exciting news about the cell tower that the City Manager will report on.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Larsen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this morning. He thanked the city employees for all of the work on Fallfest and making the city look so great.

He also said he wanted to thank the Club and the POA for hosting the candidate forum. He said that the forum brought up some of the most pressing issues facing the city, such as sewer.

Councilor Carr said that all of the work done by those involved in fall decorations was beautiful and led a round of applause to thank them.

Councilor Lively thanked everyone who worked so hard on Fallfest.

Councilor Greene thanked the audience for coming to the meeting. He said it greatly helps the Council to have community input.

Councilor Howard said "amen" to everything that has been said about the city looking so great. He added that community input helps the Council better serve them.

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

City Manager Lapeyrouse thanked all of the people who volunteered for Fallfest. We had over 100 people volunteer. We are going to have a meeting with the fall decorators and a Fallfest recap on November 4th. She asked anyone who is interested in helping to come to the meeting. We have almost 1,000 "likes" on the Facebook page and she encouraged people to "like" the page if you haven't yet.

The 2015 property tax bills are out. If you have not received your bill, please contact Alyssa at city hall.

Verizon has submitted the cell tower permit application and awarded the contract for constructing the tower. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the tower should be operational by the end of the first quarter of 2016.

We will begin leaf collection soon.

City Manager Lapeyrouse announced that during Fallfest, you could enter to win a Stay and Play package that includes two free nights at the Timeshares, a VIP Club Card and two rounds of golf for two days at the Country Club. Mayor Goodgame drew a name out of the basket. The winner of the Stay and Play Package is Tom McGrory.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Goodgame said that we do not have any action items to be voted on at this meeting. We have already approved everything necessary for the cell tower.

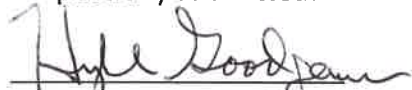
PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Debbie McAfee said that she volunteered at the visitor center the week before Fallfest. She said during that week, there were two younger couples who stopped by that were visiting for Fallfest and that are interested in purchasing a home in the area.

George Shearon said that he is glad to see the city addressing the drop off on the side of Alpine. He also said that there are a lot of contractors and residents who drive too fast on Ridgepole. He encouraged something be done to slow people down on Ridgepole. Mayor Goodgame said that we will have the Public Works Committee look into options for this.

Councilor Greene made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:


Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:


Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk