

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
DECEMBER 16, 2013
MONDAY, 2:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MINUTES

Mayor Martindale called the meeting to order.

Those present: Mayor Martindale, Council President Howard, Councilors Carr, Larsen, Platt, and Whatley, Attorney Dickerson, City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Cantrell, Chief Dills, Tax Commissioner Mullins.

Pam Martindale gave the invocation. Mayor Martindale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11 Public Hearing & Special Meeting, November 6 Public Hearing, and the November 18 Regular Council Meeting, 2nd Council President Howard, unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilor Platt made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Martindale said this is his last meeting after serving for six years. He said he has enjoyed working with staff adding that Linda, Mandi, and Alyssa have been very helpful over the years.

Mayor Martindale said this is also Councilor Platt's last meeting as councilmember; she served for four years. He led a round of applause for Councilor Platt.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Council President Howard led a round of applause for Mayor Martindale for serving as mayor for six years. He invited Mayor Martindale and Councilor Platt to the January meeting.

Council President Howard said we had beautiful fall decorations and now have beautiful winter decorations.

Councilor Carr said she received a few calls regarding garbage on Thanksgiving and asked if we can put out the little garbage truck on holidays. City Manager Lapeyrouse said employees came in at three different times over Thanksgiving weekend to empty the dumpster. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we did not put out the garbage truck because of the bear problems.

Councilor Carr said that Driver Lane and Eagle Circle have ditches full of leaves. City Manager Lapeyrouse said the roads department is still working to clear leaves and debris from all of the ditches and that these roads will be addressed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Chief's Report – given by Chief Dills
- City Financial Report – given by City Clerk Cantrell
- Tax Commissioner's Report – given by Tax Commissioner Mullins
- Building Inspector's Report – given by City Manager Lapeyrouse
- City Manager's Report – given by City Manager Lapeyrouse

City Manager Lapeyrouse said that Pastor Erbelding has asked if the city is interested in plowing the Chapel's parking lots in lieu of paying the rent for using the Fellowship Hall - \$75 per month. Attorney Dickerson said that the city can do this as long as we have an agreement in place with the Chapel. The council does not want to pursue this option.

NEW BUSINESS

- Update on lodge – nuisance abatement

Mayor Martindale said that he, as a private citizen, worked to get prices on demolition of the old lodge. He said that that Harrison Merrill continues to postpone demolition of the lodge. Mayor Martindale said the city needs to move forward with the nuisance abatement procedure on the lodge. Attorney Dickerson said that he will get the requirements on how to proceed to City Manager Lapeyrouse. Council President Howard made a motion to move forward, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

- Acceptance of Donation – Alex Mountain, Part 1, Lots 5 & 7

Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve acceptance of the lots, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

- Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment

City Manager Lapeyrouse presented the 2013 budget amendment. Councilor Platt made a motion to approve the amendments, 2nd Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Authorization to purchase two police cars in January

Chief Dills said that he has worked to repair and maintain existing vehicles instead of purchasing new vehicles. He said that the two 2000 Crown Victorias have cost a great deal to maintain. He presented two vehicles being held at Duvall Ford, a 2010 and a 2011 Ford Fusion. Mayor Elect Goodgame asked if the city can approve a purchase for the next year. Attorney Dickerson said that it can be done.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to amend the 2013 budget to apply the police capital reserves, any funds remaining in the 2013 police operating budget, and the funds from sales of surplus property to purchase and equip the two police cars, 2nd Councilor Platt. Councilor Carr

said that we are amending the 2013 budget to accommodate a decision that should be made by the 2014 council. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Ray Brooker said his wife ran into a rock at the waterfall and he has some reflectors that he asked the city to install around the rock. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that the city can put in the reflectors.

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

Respectfully submitted:


Hughel Goodgame

Attested:


Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk