

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
AUGUST 16, 2011
TUESDAY, 9:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MINUTES

Mayor Martindale called the meeting to order.

Those present: Mayor Martindale, Councilors Boyle, Howard, Kleiber, and Platt, Attorney Dickerson, City Manager Smith, Chief Dills, City Clerk Cantrell, and Tax Commissioner Mullins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 19 – Regular Council Meeting

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Boyle. Councilor Kleiber asked if the Children at Play signs had been installed yet. City Manager Smith said that we have the signs but didn't notice if they had been installed. That makes several signs in the area in front of the timeshare office. We will try to place the signs so they don't look cluttered. The minutes stand approved.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councilor Platt made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2nd Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Martindale said the Council received a letter from Ed and Louise Kail thanking the City for declaring June 20th Louise Kail Day.

Mayor Martindale said we have not sold enough tickets to cover the expense of the Elvis in the Valley event this Saturday. He encouraged everyone to attend and to invite people from outside the City.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Kleiber said that the "Week for Weber" was extremely successful. She thanked God for the nice weather, the volunteers for their work, and the participants for their money.

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 Smith
- City Manager's Report – given by City Manager Smith

Citizen Al Lee thanked the City for moving his homeowner shutoff valve so he could turn his water on and off himself. Sara Bennett said she is very thankful to have her own shutoff valve.

Citizen Richard Butt asked about the millage rate being different in the City and the County. Discussion followed about the reason for the difference. Attorney Dickerson said that the State allows the Counties to charge a higher millage rate to the incorporated cities to make up the difference in the loss of revenue from cities collecting insurance premium tax.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of Sign Ordinance

Councilor Kleiber made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of 2011 General Election Resolution

Councilor Platt made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Kleiber, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Resolution to place Sunday Alcohol Referendum on the November 8, 2011 General Election Ballot

Councilor Kleiber made a motion to add the question to the ballot, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

- Acceptance of Warranty Deed for Alex Mountain, Part 1, Lot 9

City Manager Smith said that the current owners of the property do not want it and asked if they could deed it to the City. Councilor Boyle made a motion to accept, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Change Order 3 – Consolidated Pipe

John Washington, Engineer, explained the request for this change order that redesigned the meter replacement and a new meter at Valley View. There is no change in cost, but he did want the Council to accept the change. Councilor Platt made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Kleiber, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Change Order 1 – Southeastern Tank

Mayor Martindale said this change order increases the foundation size for the new tank in Bee Gum that allows the City to enlarge the tank in the future if needed. The change was approved, however the change order needs approved for documentation purposes. Councilor Kleiber made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Change Order 1 – Summit

John Washington explained the change order that includes installing CV Flow Control closing valve to a pressure reducing valve. Councilor Kleiber made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

- 2011 Road Improvement Plan

City Manager Smith gave an overview of the Road Improvement Plan. There is \$175,000 in the 2011 budget for paving. The State approved LMIG for a portion of Labelle. She recommended the City paving the entire road. She asked the Council what roads they would like her to place in the 2011 road resurfacing bid. Based on the recommendation of the City, Councilor Kleiber

made a motion to pave Labelle and Saddleback Circles and pave additional streets if funds allow, 2nd Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

Citizen Richard Butt said that the City is not giving a very nice impression with Sky Valley Way looking so torn up with the patching. City Manager Smith said that with all the construction and heavy equipment that will be going down Sky Valley Way, she did not have Knob Drive on the plan until next year. She said that the City might be able to put a seal coat on Sky Valley Way and Knob Drive to make it look nicer.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizen Richard Butt asked about the old lodge. He said that Bruce Turner was in the demolition business and that he thought someone might actually pay to take down the building to get the materials. Mayor Martindale said that he would call Mr. Merrill again before the next meeting.

Councilor Kleiber said she spoke with Jed Dowlen whose brother-in-law was a former City Manager in McDonough for 20 years. She said that he might have some information on helping the City get more money. Mayor Martindale said he would contact him.

Citizen Liz Carr thanked the Council and City Manager for their work and efforts getting people to the Valley.

Councilor Platt thanked Pam Martindale for volunteering and her hard work helping with the events.

Citizen David Whatley asked about requiring the property around the lodge to be cleaned up with the demolition permit. Discussion followed about the lodge. Mayor Martindale said that the City requires it before final approval of the demolition permit before release of the performance bond.

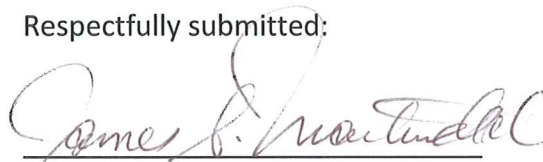
Citizen Richard Butt asked about the low ticket sales and if anything additional can be done to sell more tickets.

Citizen David Whatley said that the BBQ Festival in Dillard was down around 700 people. He said he thought the City was doing great.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Kleiber made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:


James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:


Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk