

**PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 11, 2013
FRIDAY, 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MINUTES

Those present: Mayor Martindale, Council President Howard, Councilors Carr, Larsen, Platt, and Whatley, City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Cantrell, and Chief Dills. Audience: Three people.

Mayor Martindale called the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to order and gave the ground rules for the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear those in opposition to and those in favor of the proposed millage rate of 14.31, the rollback rate, for the 2013 ad valorem taxes.

Mayor Martindale opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed millage rate.

Citizen David Carr said he is opposed to adopting the rollback rate stating that the millage rate should be kept at 13 mils. He said that the city does not need to replace police cars until they have at least 200,000 miles, do not need to give employees raises, does not need a part time employee for cutting grass. He also said the city does need to include funds for road resurfacing in the budget because we will receive SPLOST funds.

There being no one else speaking in opposition to the proposed millage rate, Mayor Martindale opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed millage rate.

No one spoke in favor of the proposed millage rate.

There being no one speaking in favor of the proposed millage rate and no questions from the audience, Mayor Martindale closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Martindale called the special meeting to order.

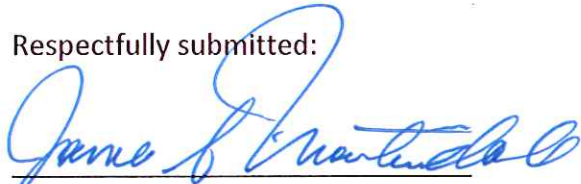
Councilor Whatley made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2nd Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

Councilor Platt made a motion to adopt the 2013 millage rate for ad valorem taxes of 14.31 mils, 2nd Council President Howard. Councilor Platt explained that the county's millage rate is much higher than the city's and that the city provides almost all of the services to Sky Valley. Councilor Whatley said that adopting the rollback millage of 14.31 is still around a \$10,000 decrease in revenues based on the digest changes. Councilor Carr said that she could not, in

good conscious, vote to adopt the 14.31 millage mentioning that she believed we could hold off on replacing the police cars, and give further consideration to employee health insurance and the additional part time employee for grass cutting. Councilor Platt asked Chief Dills about the police cars. Chief Dills said that the current cars are averaging only 11 miles per gallon and that he wants to replace them with more fuel efficient vehicles. The motion to approve the millage rate of 14.31 passed 4 to 1 with Councilors Larsen, Howard, Platt, and Whatley voting aye and Councilor Carr voting nay.

Councilor Carr made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk