

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
JUNE 19, 2014  
THURSDAY, 10:00 AM  
TIMESHARE MEETING ROOM, 501 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Susan Erbelding gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councilor Carr asked to remove the discussion of the stop sign on Driver lane until further review. Mayor Goodgame added discussion of the quarry rezoning. Councilor Carr made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Larsen, unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Goodgame gave updates on ongoing projects.

The temporary speed bump on Sky Valley Way will be installed soon. If the temporary bump is successful in slowing traffic, we will install a permanent speed table.

Verizon is still on target to begin cell tower construction in October and have it completed this year.

He has been in negotiations with Harrison Merrill and Brook Cole for a couple of months regarding the demolition of the old lodge in exchange for some property. He received an email yesterday stating that they would send a letter.

We have installed a flower bed at the entrance under the flagpole. The annuals will be replaced by the hay bale this fall. We are also working on a drainage project at the front entrance. Some work has already been done to improve landscaping at the post office and city hall. Work on Winding Ridge entrance has not yet begun.

Mayor Goodgame, Steve Brett, and Milt Gillespie, along with others have been working on fact-finding for information to present at the County Planning and Zoning Public Hearing to rezone property around the quarry on Kelly's Creek that would allow the quarry to expand.

### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilor Howard said that Councilor Whatley asked him to convey that he was sorry he could not attend this meeting. He gave an update on his treatment and said he is responding well.

Councilor Carr said that some of the home address street signs have not been replaced. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we have sent information regarding making the 911 address postings compliant, but we have not yet sent individual notices regarding the non-compliant signs. Councilor Carr said that she has noticed a few while driving through the city looking for beautification projects and will pass the information along to city staff.

Mayor Goodgame said that we also need to address some of the homes that are abandoned and overgrown. He asked if anyone knows of these types of properties to report them to City Hall so they can be addressed.

### **CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

City Manager Lapeyrouse said the Personal Transportation Vehicle Ordinance will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Police will visit homes upon request to inspect vehicles, and upon successful inspection, the owners will register their PTV with the City Clerk.

The leaf vacuum is currently not working. She asked residents to please bag their leaves and call City Hall to be placed on the list for collection of the leaves.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion of Marketing Coordinator

Mayor Goodgame and Marketing Committee Chairman Laura Gurley interviewed Bill Johnson and said they would like to hire him on a short-term basis. He gave a brief overview of Mr. Johnson's resume. The offer is for \$1,300 a month for 90 days. Councilor Howard made a motion to hire Mr. Johnson as per this contract for 90 days and to reevaluate at the end of this period, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr. Ray Becker said that Timeshares and realtors will also benefit greatly from this effort and should be involved in the marketing efforts. Mayor Goodgame said he has requested to be a guest at the Timeshares board meeting and that we invite the real estate agents to come to the meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion of City Attorney Services

Mayor Goodgame said that John Dickerson has been our attorney for several years now. Attorney Dickerson sent a letter regarding working with the city and gave a few suggestions for how we can continue to work together as he is very busy with trial work and we do not always need an attorney present at the meetings. Mayor Goodgame said the option he believes is best is to have Attorney Dickerson available on an as-needed basis, attending meetings as requested. We are not changing firms; the biggest change is that there will not always be an

attorney present at our meetings. Council President Larsen made a motion to retain Attorney Dickerson on as-needed basis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

- Discussion of Public Works Equipment

Mayor Goodgame explained that we have several vehicles and pieces of equipment that are in bad shape and need either extensive repairs or to be replaced.

Public Works Supervisor Rick Cavalli gave a brief overview of the city's vehicles and equipment. The garbage truck is currently broken down on Sky High Drive. It is a 1997 F800 and the hydraulics have gone out. It also has holes in the cab. The leaf collector is also not working. We spent quite a bit of money repairing the collector over this winter, and we need to decide if we want to continue to repair it or replace it. Some discussion followed about a compactor location, curbside pickup, and recycling. Mayor Goodgame said he would like the Public Works Committee to meet and have a detailed review of the vehicles and equipment and to review garbage collection service.

- Discussion of Quarry Remarks to Rabun County Planning & Zoning

Mayor Goodgame said the Planning and Zoning Committee is having a public hearing regarding rezoning some property surrounding the current quarry on Kelly's Creek Road. He said that he does not see an immediate effect on Sky Valley, but it is important that we are represented at this meeting. He said that according to his conversation with Vulcan management, they have another 50 years worth of materials in the current blasting area. Mayor Goodgame will be out of town at a training conference the date of the meeting and requested that we nominate Steve Brett, who has served previously on the County's Planning and Zoning Committee, to speak on our behalf. Councilor Carr made a motion to appoint Steve Brett as speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard. Tourism is the number one industry in Rabun County, and this possible change will adversely impact the north end of the County, not only Sky Valley. Councilor Howard encouraged people to carpool and arrive early to the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 6:00 PM at the Rabun County Courthouse.

**PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

Councilor Howard said the police department's report and the financial report look good.

Mayor Goodgame said that the city's office staff and public works department are all working hard fulltime jobs and are very responsive and helpful. He added that public works maintains 30 miles of roads and also collects garbage.

Council President Larsen made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Hugh Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

  
Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk