

**PUBLIC HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. COUNCIL MEETING  
696 SKY VALLEY WAY (THE LODGE)**

**MINUTES**

Those present: Mayor Goodgame, Council President Lively, Councilors Howard, MacNair, Morley and Steil, City Manager Lapeyrouse, and City Clerk Fast.

Mayor Goodgame presented the following and allowed for public comment:

**Intro:**

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed 2017 budget as well as the proposed millage rate for the 2016 Ad Valorem taxes. No additional public hearings are scheduled. The budget and millage rate are on the agenda to be adopted at a Special Called Council Meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

**GENERAL FUND**

- In opposition to
- In favor of

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

**WATER & SOLID WASTE FUND**

- In opposition to
- In favor of

Bill Horton stated he would like to know more about the \$170,000 proposed improvements by the Post Office. There are no plans or schematics for these improvements currently. We need to have our plans and schematics before the community will support it.

Don Haney agreed with Mr. Horton that we need to know a lot more about park before the citizens buy into it. He also asked about the money designated as Other Financing Sources.

Mayor Goodgame advised no money has been spent on the city park. We are doing what has been done in the past by allowing funds to be put aside for capital projects. Georgia Mountain Regional Planners are working on a conceptual plan and this only being done as the results of a survey in the community.

City Manager Lapeyrouse responded that the Other Financing Sources includes \$100,844 is assigned surplus from roads, \$99,962 assigned surplus funds from Public land & building, and \$7,400 assigned surplus funds from Economic development collected for the City and POA funds.

Kristin Whatley asked about the availability of funds for liability insurance and legal fees. We should amend the budget allowing for liability insurance and legal fees. Secondly, she strongly recommends we re-institute having our city attorney attend meetings.

Mayor Goodgame stated our counsel attends unless he has a conflict with our meetings dates. And that he will be attending our Special Called Council Meeting tomorrow.

Jon Shebel urged Council to hire another outside lawyer before they meet tomorrow. He stated the Council was headed down the wrong road by meeting with the city attorney.

Mayor Goodgame said the only thing he knew to do was to take the advice of our current legal counsel.

Milt Gillespie did not understand spending in excess of the \$200,000 more than the income. City Manager Lapeyrouse responded saying the total funds available include those allocated in previous years for future capital projects.

Bill Horton stated Council has not had independent thoughts for three or four years. There should not be any items in the budget that do not have plans and have not got substance.

Mayor Goodgame advised we use the same process as all previous cities for potential capital projects. As with the park, Georgia Regional Mountain Planners are doing a conceptual drawing and it will be presented to citizens for their input.

Kristin Whatley questioned the amount of legal fees for 2016 and 2017 and asked about contingency.

Another woman (unidentified) asked about the \$58,000 for other services. Lapeyrouse responded that she was looking at the budget for fire and rescue.

Jim Martindale asked what the millage rate was for 2016. He was advised by City Manager it went down from 16.257 for the 2015 to 16.083 the rollback rate.

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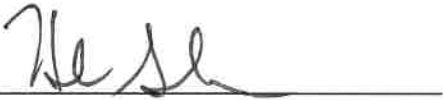
No questions/comments.

Mayor Goodgame closed the public comment.

Councilor Steil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Lively seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hughel", written above a horizontal line.

Hughel Goodgame Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ella Fast", written above a horizontal line.

Ella Fast, City Clerk