

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
APRIL 19, 2011  
TUESDAY, 9:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Martindale called the meeting to order.

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Moore made a motion to approve the March 8, 2011 Regular Council Meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councilor Kleiber made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Martindale said that City Manager Smith, Steve Brett, Pam Martindale, and he have been working on Summer Celebration events. He gave information on the events scheduled and encouraged everyone to come and support the events.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilor Kleiber said that because she is on the Council, she is also a volunteer member of the RCCVB. At their last meeting, they said that Rabun County is working on becoming a camera-ready community and looking for scenes from the County to submit for potential movie sites.

Councilor Platt said that she liked the looks of the street lighting.

**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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Approval of recoating Sky High water tank

City Manager Smith said that a paint analysis is being performed because the existing paint may contain lead. She recommended waiting until we know about the lead as the pricing is greatly affected depending on the possible lead content. Councilor Platt made a motion to postpone until the May meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Kleiber, unanimously approved.

- Approval of front entrance maintenance

City Manager Smith said that she received two prices for updating the entrance and landscape maintenance. Real Landscape Management's annual cost is \$5,392 plus any pine straw or mulch needed. Rising Sun Landscaping annual cost is \$2,190.50 plus pine straw or mulch. Councilor Kleiber said that some of the items listed, such as spreading pine straw, can be performed by city employees. She said that she does think we need to hire someone, and that she would like to know how much can be done by the city. Council President Moore made a motion to approve Rising Sun with a 30-day notice of termination if we are not happy with the work performed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Kleiber. Councilor Kleiber recommended having city employees do the work they can and that the daisies need to be dead headed. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Approval to purchase police car

Chief Dills requested to purchase a 2005 Chevy Malibu from the City of Clayton for \$9,000. This car will be to replace a 2001 Crown Victoria (white) police car. The City of Clayton has offered to allow the City to pay \$5,000 this year, and \$4,000 in January of 2012. The car is front-wheel drive and is fully equipped. The only expense will be to have Sky Valley decals on it. Councilor Boyle made a motion to approve the purchase paying \$5,000 this year and the remaining balance of \$4,000 in 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Addition of Garden Club Chair to Community Development Committee

Mayor Martindale said he spoke with John Temple, who liked the idea of adding Diane Herring to the committee. Councilor Platt made a motion to add Diane Herring to the committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Kleiber. The Council discussed adding the chairperson of the garden club to the committee instead of an individual person. Councilor Platt amended her motion to appoint the Chair of the Garden Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Howard, unanimously approved.

- 911 address signs

City Manager Smith explained that she has an extensive list of houses that are not compliant with posting requirements. She said that she and Chief Dills both agree that the numbers need to be double-sided so the address numbers can be seen from both directions unless the house is at the end of a dead end road. To require this, the ordinance needs amended. Council discussed requiring the street numbers be posted on one side or two sides. City Manager Smith read the proposed letter to send to homeowners. Councilor Boyle made a motion to amend the 911 Posting Requirement Ordinance to state that address signs be posted so that the numbers can be seen from both directions, with the exception that someone on a dead-end, one way street only be required to be posted on one side, and to mail the proposed letter including posting requirements if the homeowner wished to post their own sign, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platt. Councilor Howard said he believes the homeowner should decide if they want their sign one-sided or two. Councilor Kleiber said that the letter could state that homeowners are encouraged to have the sign double-sided, but that it is up to them if they want the sign one-sided or two. Councilor Boyle amended his motion not to amend the 911 Posting Ordinance, and for the letter

to state it is recommended to have the numbers posted on both sides, but that it is at the owner's discretion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Kleiber, unanimously approved.

- Proclamation Declaring May 1 -7 Municipal Clerks Week

Council President Moore made a motion to declare May 1 – 7 as Municipal Clerks Week, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS


Citizen Buck Betancourt said the new firehouse in Scaly is complete and will be open very soon. He said the building includes a meeting room and exercise room. He said the Fire Department is very appreciative of the City's payments. Councilor Platt requested earlier notification of events, so that the auxiliary can be better prepared to provide food. Councilor Kleiber asked if there is a grand opening. Betancourt said that there is an open house scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Citizen Ray Becker said that asphalt prices will be going up because of fuel prices. He also said that he wants to recognize Ken Kaplan for cleaning up the pavilion area. He also said that 9:00 meetings are very early and recommended them be at 10:00.

Councilor Kleiber said that Kay Hull is having surgery Tuesday.

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

Respectfully submitted:

  
James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:

  
Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk