

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
MAY 27, 2014
TUESDAY, 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

MINUTES

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

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

Truman Barber gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Howard made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 22, 2014 Regular Meeting, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 30, 2014 Special Meeting, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Goodgame said he is working to negotiate a plan with Harrison Merrill where the City will take on the responsibility to demolish the old lodge. The City is requesting seven pieces of property and some roads deeded to the City. Attorney Dickerson had said that if the City moves forward with the nuisance abatement procedure, it could be held up in court for quite some time if he appeals. Mayor Goodgame said he believes Mr. Merrill is willing to work with us on this.

Mayor Goodgame reported that the committees are working well. The Marketing Committee meets Thursday, June 5 at 10:00 AM in the Timeshares meeting room. The Marketing Committee recommends adopting the marketing logo and wording presented in Tommy Valentine's plan. This is on the agenda for approval. We are working on a job description for a marketing coordinator and will be submitting this position to the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government in hopes of finding a previous or current student. We will fund this from our marketing funds. The Timeshares had representatives at the last marketing meeting, and we are requesting them to join our marketing efforts. Mayor Goodgame will be speaking at their next board meeting.

Mayor Goodgame said that we have the flagpoles for City Hall. He said that Helen Kleiber helped solicit funding for this project, and we have collected \$2,150 from donations. Ms. Kleiber said that people can still contribute. It is \$25 per honoree.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Carr said that she is the Co-Chair of the Beautification Committee. They met this week, and she committed to drive through the city to make notes of areas that need addressed.

Councilor Greene said the Maintenance and Public Works Committee will meet again soon. There was a lot of great information shared at the last meeting. He encouraged people to attend their next meeting to help understand what the community wants.

Council President Larsen said he is attending a meeting on Thursday with the Forest Service and the Bartram Trail Association regarding runs in the area, including the Sky to Summit race. These runs are very beneficial to Sky Valley by bringing new people. He said we are also working on gaining public access to a trail on private property that connects to the Bartram Trail.

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

City Manager Lapeyrouse announced a Dessert Social for former employee Bryon “Pat” Godwin. It is Saturday, May 31 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraising event for an upcoming liver transplant.

City Manager Lapeyrouse asked people not to put garbage out prior to the morning of pickup because the bears are very active and will scatter it.

The June Regular Meeting is on Tuesday, June 17 at 10:00 AM at the Fellowship Hall.

Chief Dills said he spoke with DNR about the bears. This is their natural habitat, so there is not much we can do. They recommended shooting them with rubber buckshot because that will not injure them and should scare them out of the area. There is currently a live trap on Knob Drive. He asked people to call the police department if they have a problem with a bear because they can be aggressive if provoked.

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Forest Service Presentation – FireWise Community

Mark Wiles, GA Forestry Commission, presented the City of Sky Valley and the Sky Valley Property Owners Association with plaques and signs recognizing Sky Valley as a FireWise Community.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2nd Reading and Approval of Ordinance Establishing Standards for Telecommunications Antennae and Towers

Mayor Goodgame said that the first reading was at the last council meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing. There was no opposition to this ordinance at their hearing, and the Commission recommends approval. Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing Standards for Telecommunications Antennae and Towers, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Resolution Adopting the Rabun County Hazardous Mitigation Plan
Councilor Howard made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Greene, unanimously approved.

- Redefining Golf Cart Crossings on City Streets

Mayor Goodgame said there are a few places where carts have to cross streets. These crossings are outlined with white paint and need to be redone. On Driver Lane, there is an area where carts have to be on the road and this area needs to be marked. Councilor Whatley asked if there are stop signs on the cart paths so the carts know the vehicle traffic has the right of way. Council President Larsen said there are stop signs.

- Slowing Traffic on Sky Valley Way – Speed Tables/Stop Signs

Mayor Goodgame said the police have been spending time parked on Sky Valley Way to slow traffic but this is taking them away from patrolling. He said we are going to install a temporary speed bump on Sky Valley Way before you get to the Timeshares parking. The temporary speed bump is \$300. This gives us an inexpensive, temporary way to see if this will work to slow traffic in this area. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that if this works, we will look into installing wider, nicer looking speed tables instead of the bumps. Chief Dills said we need to slow traffic in this area because of the heavy foot traffic from the Timeshares and the Golf Club.

- Approval of Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

- 2005 Chevrolet Impala
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria
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- 1985 Chevrolet Blazer
- 2002 Ford Explorer

Mayor Goodgame explained that the police department has several vehicles that need a great deal of repairs. He spoke with Chief Dills about the expense of the repairs needed, the officers being able to drive their cars home, and options to reduce expenses. Mayor Goodgame said we will keep the 2001 Explorer, the two Fusions, and the 1985 Blazer. This gives us two four wheel drive vehicles for winter. The Fusions will be for on-duty officers. Mayor Goodgame said this will result in considerable savings for the city. Council President Larsen made a motion to approve the Resolution Declaring the aforementioned vehicles as surplus property, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

- Police Take Home Vehicles

Mayor Goodgame explained that in lieu of each officer being able to drive a vehicle home, each officer will be paid \$100 each month for travel allowance. Councilor Whatley asked if

the officers are okay with this. Chief Dills said he believes they are. The \$100 auto allowance will be non-taxed. Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve \$100 per month auto allowance to each officer, 2nd Council President Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Personal Transportation Vehicles

Mayor Goodgame presented the Personal Transportation Vehicle Ordinance stating that it is a blended version from GMA's model ordinance and newly passed legislation. Attorney Dickerson has reviewed and approved the draft. Councilor Greene made a motion to approve, 2nd Council President Larsen. Mayor Goodgame said allowing these vehicles is a sales tool that will help us compete with other golf communities. Highway 246 and Bald Mountain Road are excluded from use by PTVs, however we can put a crossing on Bald Mountain so people on Sky High can come into the valley. He said he will ask Linda Durrence for permission to use the real estate office's parking lot. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

- Beautification Projects

Mayor Goodgame said we are looking at four areas for beautification projects: City Hall, the postal facility, the front entrance, and the entrance to Winding Ridge. We are moving forward with a project at the entrance to install a French drain, replace plants killed during the winter, and planting flowers in the shape of "SV". This proposal was reviewed at the Beautification Committee meeting. The Committee also discussed rocks in the "SV" shape, but decided to recommend trying flowers. This project will cost \$1,500. The Garden Club budgeted \$500 for the entrance this year and will be contributing to this project. Laura Gurley said the POA budgeted funds for beautification, and she believes they can also contribute \$500. Proposals have been requested for the other projects.

- Discussion of November and December Meeting Dates

The fourth Tuesday in November is the week of Thanksgiving and the fourth Tuesday in December is the week of Christmas. The Council discussed alternative dates for these months and concluded that they will be the third Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, November 18 and Tuesday, December 16.

- Approval of logo design

Mayor Goodgame said the Marketing Committee made the recommendation to approve the logo design in Tommy Valentine's project as the logo for the marketing plan. He said it could possibly be adapted in the future for use as the City's logo as well. Some discussion followed about the colors of the logo because they appear more gray in print and more blue on a screen. Councilor Carr expressed concern over so many different logos. Council President Larsen made a motion to approve the logo for marketing, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

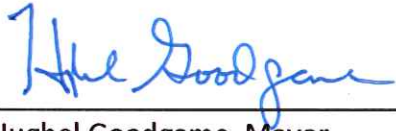
Jackie Bell announced the POA's welcome back party on June 8th at the Dillard House. She reminded everyone to sign up and that it is a BYOB event.

Laura Gurley thanked everyone who attended June's pancake breakfast and said the next one is Saturday, July 5th.

John Hoppes asked about restriping Hwy 246 and Bald Mountain Road. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that DOT said Hwy 246 was on their schedule for last year and that she will contact them for an update, and that we will have to contact Rabun County regarding Bald Mountain Rd.

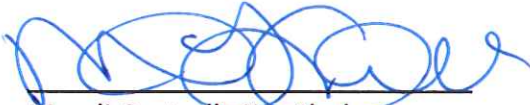
Councilor Whatley made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk