

**Special Projects Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 10 AM
Sky Valley City Hall – 3608 Highway 246
Sky Valley, Georgia**

MINUTES

Members Present: Bruce Turner, Chairman, Grace Guess, Rick Rahn, Jim Rhodes, Ken Sigler

Members Absent: Tony Allred, Gordon Brand

Staff Present: City Manager Streetman, Communications Specialist Van Camp

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Turner called to meeting to order at 10:03 AM
2. **Approval of Minutes**
August 9, 2024—Special Projects Meeting. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Grace, unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. **Fall Festival**

Shuttles: The city is shopping for two 6-seater golf carts or Kubota-like vehicles to purchase for event use and as needed for city tasks. The shuttles that were used in 2023 were quite expensive and underutilized. Jason Streetman is actively searching for transportation options.

Parking: The Chapel, CBC parking lot and City Pavilion will be used for parking. An area in the back of the CBC lot will be reserved for vendors.

Vendors: At this time 25 booth spaces have been reserved. More vendors are expected to participate and market various products. Grace mentioned that the Rabun County Mobile Library would like to participate in 2025. The library is already booked on 10/19 this year.

Band: The Band McCrackin will play during the day at the Country Club patio. Attendees may sit on the patio and have lunch if desired.

Food Trucks: The Soda Fountain, a Baked potato/meat specialty truck and Kona Ice will be on site. The Pork Rind Vendor will be set up with food trucks across from the old lodge. The Country Club will also be selling box lunches.

Signs and Maps to Hand Out: Sherron has created paper maps and will add a QR code sign for easily locating Fall Festival events.

Trash cans: Public Works will provide trash cans and empty the cans throughout the day.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to make the event successful.

Kids' Events:

Pumpkin painting (under portico at CBC—city will provide supplies), hayride, and fire truck rides.

Dog Costume Contest and Pet Parade: 1:15 for parade and 2:00 for costume judging. The registration will be located near the club restrooms and pavilion. Registration will be open from 10 AM – 1 PM. Gail Greenfelder will call Paws for Life to coordinate plans. Sherron will prepare the certificates and entry forms for the costume contest.

Classic Car Show: The car show will be held in ½ of the CBC parking lot—the side closest to the church/lodge. Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 vehicles. Dash plates, donuts, and goody bags will also be given to the participants. The VFW will provide hot dogs and water to the participants. Chuck Fite attended the meeting. He is assisting Rick and Grace with the car show this year.

Hayrides: The rides will start near the Ed Morley Bridge and go to Mud Creek Falls. The city plans to have 2 tractors and trailers for use that day.

Fire Truck Rides: The rides will begin near the Ed Morley Bridge. Sherron will create signs and post them.

Hay bale Trail: The city will purchase 30 bales and advertise to citizens and businesses to participate. The University Row will be by the post office area.

Publicity: Social media, city websites, the Laurel, Clayton Tribune (community event), Forward Rabun, flyers, lawn signs, and city announcements will be sent out by Sherron.

Fall Festival T-shirts are available at City Hall. The shirts will also be sold at the festival.

Portable Potties: 5 units and 2 hand washing stations will be placed in the city.

Wi-Fi: The CBC and Country Club have wi-fi.

ADJOURNMENT

Grace made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim. Unanimously approved.
The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherron Van Camp". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sherron Van Camp, Communications Specialist