

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
AUGUST 26, 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, City Manager Lapeyrouse, Tax Commissioner Mullins, and Chief Scott Dills.

Neil Howard gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Goodgame requested a moment of silence for John Dillard.

Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22 regular meeting, 2nd Council President Larsen, unanimously approved.

Council President Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19 special meeting, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

Councilor Greene made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Goodgame said that the City has been in negotiations with the owner of the old lodge for over six months and stated the owner has not been very responsive. Mayor Goodgame said that it may not in the best interest of the City to push too hard on the nuisance abatement since the owner of the old lodge is allowing the City to use the park, overlook area, and the tractor barn property.

Mayor Goodgame stated that the cell tower is proceeding as planned and construction should start in October. The tower should be in full service by the end of the year. Mayor Goodgame mentioned the ongoing projects of the Public Works and Marketing Committees including the speed bumps, the Fall Festival, and the new tri-fold brochures for the City of Sky Valley.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Carr said that the Sid Weber Golf Tournament was a success and a very exciting time for all.

Councilor Greene said that it is a beautiful day in Sky Valley to get out and work. He encouraged people to volunteer for the City Work day. They will meet at City Hall at 1:30 PM to clean, paint, straighten, and trim around signs in the city.

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

City Hall will be closed for Labor Day. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday. Waste Away will begin service throughout the city on Tuesday, September 2nd.

The Marketing Committee will meet Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Lakeside Room of the Club. Volunteers are needed for Fall Fest.

Chief Dills said the month of July was very busy. He mentioned that people had asked about a possible burglary at the old lodge. Chief Dills said that there were children playing in the old lodge that were trespassing but no burglary had occurred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing Committee Chairman Laura Gurley said that the committee was working very hard, staying on task and focusing on advertising, name awareness and a fall festival. She met with Gloria Lane, the editor of Atlanta Seasons Magazine and has advertisements with them for the summer and fall issues. Ms. Lane will also be featuring a free editorial for Sky Valley in the fall issue.

Mrs. Gurley stated that the Fall Festival will be on October 18 and volunteers are needed. She talked about the fall décor for the City including Hay Bale Trail and the new addition of Scarecrow Row. The Fall Festival will include fun for all, food, arts and crafts vendors, a parade, and activities for children such as face painting.

An Art Show and open house will be held at the Sky Valley Golf Club on September 19 & 20. Artists are by invitation only. The show will be open to the public.

Updated finances will be reporting at the September 2014 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Financial Policy

Council President Larsen made a motion to adopt the financial policy, 2nd Councilor Carr, unanimously approved.

- 2014 General Election Resolution

Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the 2014 General Election Resolution, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

- Surplus Property
 - 1997 Ford F800
 - 1985 K30
 - 1992 Leaf Collector

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the resolution declaring surplus property, 2nd Council President Larsen, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizen Milt Gillespie asked why Council could not pass a resolution to approve the cell tower and asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission was holding up the progress. Mayor Goodgame explained that a Planning and Zoning meeting has been scheduled for September 16th. City Manager Lapeyrouse stated that there are legal requirements for zoning procedures which include advertising the meeting at a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing. The City scheduled the meeting accordingly. Mayor Goodgame said that Council will get the P & Z recommendation at the September Regular Council meeting.

Citizen Don Haney asked if the committees could have telephone conferences instead.

Citizen Richard Mackert said that new homeowners need to be made more aware of the building rules and regulations as he was not aware that he needed a permit for construction done at his residence. He said the building inspector issued a stop work order and his \$3000 job has turned into a \$16,000 job to enclose his porch. Mayor Goodgame said that felt his pain as he recently had to rebuild his deck to meet state codes. He stated that there are many old homes in Sky Valley and that decks and porches are very important when remodeling.

Citizen Ray Brooker mentioned that the paperwork for the cell tower was lengthy and needed careful review.

Citizen Barbara Kobacker is concerned about the health of the senior citizens and mentioned the water exercise classes that are held at 9:00 AM at the pool.

Citizen Helen Kleiber thanked all for the support of the Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund during the month of August. She said they raised approximately \$30,000.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk