

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
MAY 26, 2015  
TUESDAY, 10:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order.

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

Cathy Turner gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

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

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Goodgame said we had a fabulous weekend. He said he spoke to the brewery representatives that were present at the beer festival, and they said that it was the most successful first event they have attended. Ten orange cones went missing so if you happen to see any cones, please let us know.

The garbage compactor should be ready this week.

Cell Tower: Verizon has said that we should hear something back this week about construction of the cell tower. He said that there is a possible temporary option of a mini cell network that works off of fiber-optic cable with transmitters located throughout the City that would allow cell service over Wi-Fi. We will be checking more into that option.

Sewer: He has been asked to make a presentation at a County Commission meeting on why we need sewer and how having sewer in Sky Valley will help growth of the County.

Public Works Department: Under the supervision of James Holbrooks, he believes this is the best the City has looked in the twelve years he has been here.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilor Greene said that the Maintenance and Public Works Committee met to discuss 2015 road paving and a future community garden.

Councilor Howard asked what type of update we are expecting from Verizon. Mayor Goodgame said it is if we will be on the 2015 or 2016 construction calendar.

Councilor Larsen said that the city does look great. He said the beer festival was very well attended and he believes it is something we should continue.

Council President Carr said that she has received many calls from people saying that the rights of way look fabulous. She thanked everyone for the calls. She asked to make sure that Driver Lane was on the list for cleaning ditches. Carr asked about recycle participation. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we are very pleased with the amount of participation and that cardboard and plastic are the top items.

Councilor Lively said that he wanted to thank all the volunteers for the beer festival, and especially the City Manager and City Clerk for their hard work.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Decorations Calendar

Mayor Goodgame said that he asked City Manager Lapeyrouse to draft a decorations calendar for scheduling. This calendar was discussed and revised during the recent joint Beautification and Marketing Committee Meeting. He said that last year, there were some issues with some scheduling for when to have seasonal decorations out, and we had rotten pumpkins in the fall. City Manager Lapeyrouse presented the decorations calendar. Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the decorations calendar as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

- Banners

Mayor Goodgame said that at the recommendation of our landscaper, we made changes to the front bed at the first island so that we can have year-round color. That allows us to put the turkey hay bale in the second center island. At the meeting with the Beautification Committee Chair and the Marketing Committee Chair, we discussed banners on light poles like what other cities have instead of the small flags on the fence on Bald Mountain. We also talked about lighting and putting a banner across Bald Mountain that say "Georgia's Highest and Coolest City," before events. Councilor Lively made a motion to approve using banners, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

- Lease (Calderone Fine Art Gallery & Studio)

City Manager Lapeyrouse drafted a new lease that creates a two-year lease with an annual opt-out so that the lease does not bind one Council to another. Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the lease, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Greene, unanimously approved.

- Wolfe Appeal of Water Bill Adjustment

Mayor Goodgame said that we gave the adjustment allowed by our water ordinance, and Mr. Wolfe has requested an additional adjustment. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that Mr. Wolfe's

March water bill was \$625.15. He qualified for an adjustment, making his bill \$352.39. He paid this amount, but he is requesting that it be further adjusted and the adjusted amount be donated to the St. James Episcopal Church. Councilor Larsen made a motion not to give a further adjustment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard. Councilor Carr asked if Mr. Wolfe did vacation rentals and if he paid the hotel/motel tax. City Clerk Cantrell said that he does not rent the house to her knowledge. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Driveway/Parking Requirements**

Mayor Goodgame said that in his neighborhood, someone took away the yard area of a home and created a gravel parking area. He said that after a light rain, some of the gravel washed into the road. He said that we currently only require paving from the property line to the street and he would like to see the City adopt an ordinance requiring that all new driveways be asphalt or cement. He recommended requiring a driveway permit and adopting a storm water management ordinance. Discussion followed about driveway requirements. Resident Will Gurley suggested including paver stones in the allowable materials. Councilor Larsen said that he agrees that we should include paver stones adding that he has brick pavers for his driveway and they are very nice. Mayor Goodgame asked for a motion for staff to work on a revision to this requirement in the Code and present to Council. Council President Carr made a motion for staff to prepare a revision and present to Council, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Greene, unanimously approved.

Mayor Goodgame said that the Planning and Zoning Commission is also working on design guidelines for commercial construction. Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Gurley said that they are working with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission on this and are waiting on a report back from them.

- **Mutual Aid Map**

City Manager Lapeyrouse presented the map to be attached the Mutual Aid Agreement with Macon County, North Carolina. It is the same coverage area as the Sky Valley/Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Map and for it to be attached to the mutual aid agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Lively, unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Steve Brett said the city looks very nice in the valley area, but Alex Mountain and Ridgepole need mowing again. He said they have a vacant house on their street with grass that is about two feet high. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that someone reported that property to her on Saturday, and that the Building Inspector will address it as allowable by the Nuisance Ordinance.

Don Haney asked about reduction of the police force. Mayor Goodgame said that we went from a Chief plus four officers to a Chief plus three officers. The City eliminated having two officers on duty during the day on weekdays. We still have 24-hour coverage and plan to continue so in the future.

A resident reported that a dog on Sky Valley Way is in a pen without a covering, and the dog barks quite a bit. Chief Dills will talk to the owner.

Will Gurley said there was recently a horse-drawn carriage on Ridgepole Drive, and there was quite a mess after the horses had gone by. Chief Dills will make contact with the owners and make sure they clean up after themselves in the future.

A resident also reported a dog running free on Alpine. Chief Dills will talk to the owner.

Milt Gillespie asked about the yellow tax notices. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that the signs are for the County's delinquent tax sale. Mayor Goodgame suggested sending an email with the tax sale information to the City's distribution list.


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

Respectfully submitted:



Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk