

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 15, 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.

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

Councilor Kleiber made a motion to approve the October 18 Regular Council Meeting minutes, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved. Councilor Kleiber said she spoke with City Manager Smith who told her the city employees would take care of painting the letters on the sign at the entrance. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Councilor Platt made a motion to adopt the agenda, 2nd Council President Moore, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Martindale thanked everyone who ran for election.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Kleiber reminded everyone to come out the first two weeks in December for the Charity Lane event benefiting about 20 different charities and to visit Alumni Hall at RGNS.

Councilor Platt thanked Officer Tony Free for his assistance. She had problems with her blood pressure medication, and Officer Free responded and assisted her until the EMT arrived to take her to the hospital.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief's Report – given by Chief Dills

Councilor Kleiber asked if there is any particular time of day people should look for theft and entries. Chief Dills said that most of the burglaries occur during the day and tend to follow construction work.

City Financial Report – given by City Clerk Cantrell

Tax Commissioner's Report – given by Tax Commissioner Mullins

Tax Commissioner Mullins said the 2011 property tax bills will be mailed this week and will be due January 20, 2012.

Building Inspector's Report – given by City Manager Smith

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OLD BUSINESS

- RMA proposal

Robert Simmons, RMA, presented the project engineering fee adjustment proposal for the 2010 DWSRF Water System Improvements Project dated November 7, 2011. Mayor Martindale asked for additional detail on the additional charges. Council President Moore made a motion to postpone this item to the December meeting, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of W. F. Floyd change order # 1

Robert Simmons, RMA, presented W. F. Floyd's change order # 1 resulting in a credit of \$3,660.10 to the city. Councilor Boyle made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Summit change order # 22

City Manager Smith said we finished the water line replacement project and presented the change order. The one-year warranty period is through February 12, 2012. This change incorporated the per-item prices. Final payment was made. Councilor Boyle made a motion to approve the change order, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Intergovernmental Jail Contract

Attorney Dickerson said that in 2010, this contract was negotiated with the County. Council President Moore made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract, 2nd Councilor Boyle. Discussion followed concerning the additional expenses to the City. Councilor Kleiber recommended looking into additional insurance that would cover the cost of medical expenses incurred by prisoners held in jail. The motion passed unanimously.

- Review and Approval of Building Authority draft to be presented for Local Legislation

Mayor Martindale presented the "Sky Valley Building Authority Act." He said he recommended having seven people serve on the Board, requiring five to live in Rabun County, and allowing two people to serve that do not live in the county. Discussion followed regarding who should be able to serve on the Board. Five Year Planning Committee Chairman John Temple said he recommended allowing people outside Sky Valley to participate from surrounding areas as it will benefit the entire area. Councilor Kleiber suggested keeping the Board at five members, requiring that three of them own property in Sky Valley. Citizen David Whatley said that John Dillard does not own property in Sky Valley, but his experience could greatly benefit the Board. Citizen David Whatley asked Attorney Dickerson if there is a way to include Board members in the meeting via conference call and allow them to vote. Attorney Dickerson said that including someone via conference call could be included in the by-laws. Councilor Howard made a motion to postpone, 2nd Council President Moore, unanimously approved. City Clerk Cantrell will schedule a workshop.

- Approval of GMEBS Life and Health Insurance Ordinance & Participation Agreement

Attorney Dickerson said he has reviewed this contract for other municipalities and he recommended changing paragraph 12 to state that any litigation be in Rabun County. Councilor Boyle made a motion to approve with the addition that the venue for any litigation be held in Rabun County, 2nd Councilor Kleiber, unanimously approved.

- Sky Valley – Scaly Mountain VF&R recommendation to secure helicopter landing site
City Manager Smith presented the request. Mayor Martindale said that he and City Manager Smith can draft a letter to send to Merrill requesting a site for a helicopter landing pad. Councilor Boyle recommended using the parking lot at the lodge. Citizen Connie Larsen asked about the parking lot at the chapel. Citizen David Whatley said that consideration needs to be made because the helicopter landing pad will need FAA approval. Councilor Boyle made a motion for Mayor Martindale and City Manager Smith to meet with the fire chief to discuss possible locations and that if the letter to Merrill be from the fire department, 2nd Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

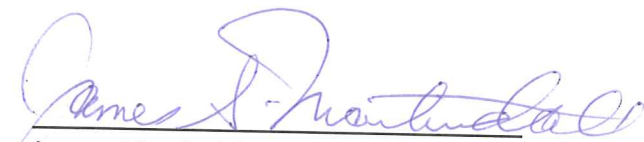
None

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizen John Hoppes requested the City send a letter to GA DOT requesting Highway 246 to be re-stripped. City Manager Smith will send a letter.


Citizen Lynn Becker asked about the meeting time being different. Discussion followed about the meeting times. City Clerk Cantrell said that it will be on the January agenda.

Respectfully submitted:



James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City CLerk