

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
MARCH 20, 2012  
TUESDAY, 9:30 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Martindale called the meeting to order.

Those present: Mayor Martindale, Council President Howard, Councilors Boyle, Larsen, Platt, and Whatley, Attorney Perry, Officer Shope, City Manager Smith, City Clerk Cantrell, and Tax Commissioner Mullins.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Whatley. Councilor Whatley said that his question on the first paragraph of the last page should read: Councilor Whatley asked Mayor Martindale if he was creating this committee and appointing its members subject to Council's approval instead of Councilor Whatley asked Mayor Martindale if he was in favor of its committee members. The minutes passed unanimously with this change.

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

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Martindale said that we are in the final stages of having the water system improvements completed. We have 100 percent of the fire hydrants working and the building moratorium in the Bee Gum Gap area has been lifted.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilor Boyle told everyone happy spring.

Councilor Platt thanked the water and police departments for working over the weekend when someone did not have water at their house.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

(a) Police Chief's Report – given by Officer Shope

Mayor Martindale asked for an update on the theft. Officer Shope said there was a theft at 1007 Sky High. TVs, appliances, and furniture were taken. He said it looked like a forced entry and that someone changed the locks. The homeowner found it. The house is in foreclosure. Councilor Whatley asked if there was a possibility the items were repossessed. Officer Shope said that the mortgage company said they had not sent anyone to winterize the house, and that at this time, they had no evidence that the items were repossessed.

- (b) City Financial Report – given by City Clerk Cantrell
- (c) Tax Commissioner’s Report – given by Tax Commissioner Mullins
- (d) Building Inspector’s Report – given by City Manager Smith
- (e) City Manager’s Report – given by City Manager Smith

These reports are hereby incorporated by reference and attached hereto as exhibits a – e.

Councilor Whatley said someone sent an email stating that the siding was being taken off the lodge. City Manager Smith explained that the City had to move two dumpsters. We were not able to haul both of them at the same time, and temporarily left one in the parking lot. She said the dumpster was only there for a couple of hours. The siding is not being taken off the lodge.

City Manager Smith said that we tested five of the new water meters, and they were all reading accurately.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Discussion of Bear Trace Subdivision

City Manager Smith said that Mr. Croxton has the road rights of way where we can mow them. There was a water leak, and he is still working on getting the water system ready. City Manager Smith said she had spoken to Mr. Croxton and his attorney. She said Mr. Croxton is still working on getting the water system ready for the City to take. She said Mr. Croxton has presented a proposal to protect the City with respect to the obligation to top coating the roads. In his proposal, he said he would execute and file a security deed in favor of the City for \$75,000 with a release provision requiring the City to release lots from the deed as they are sold. When a sale occurs which will result in the development of 55-percent of the subdivision, the road will be top coated. The security deed will allow the City to release its interest in the security deed as to that lot if the work is not completed according to plan. He said he will include the required top coating when the subdivision is 95-percent completed. Discussion followed about when the City should accept the roads and water system. Mayor Martindale recommended waiting until Mr. Croxton has addressed all of the concerns, and then having a workshop to discuss accepting Mr. Croxton’s proposal. Councilor Platt made a motion to postpone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Revision to Sky Valley Planning & Economic Development Committee

Council President Howard said he would like to add Allen Jackson and Frank Norton to the committee. He said his goal is to have people with different thoughts and opinions serve. Councilor Boyle said he thinks the mission and objectives are clear. Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the appointment of the two additional members, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Boyle. Councilor Whatley asked to add an additional objective – to review and update a five-year plan on an annual basis. City Manager Smith said the previous objectives included looking at the unfinished clubhouse, and this version does not. She asked if looking into the options for the clubhouse is an objective, could that be added as an objective. Councilor Whatley asked if anyone else had heard the rumor that the closing was delayed. No one else on Council had heard that, but real estate agent Linda Durrence said she had heard it also. Mayor Martindale said he would call Ricky Chastain and ask him if he is still on track to close as scheduled and give an update.

- Ratify approval of Division 2 Change Order 3 – 2010 Water System Improvement Project

Councilor Platt made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Howard. Council President Howard asked for an explanation of the additional 300 feet of piping. City Manager Smith said that the connection was not where we thought it was. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of Resolution: Declaration of 34,000 gallon water tank as surplus property Councilor Boyle made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Resolution: Declaration of 1995 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus property City Manager Smith said this is the old chief's car. Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Approval of Summer Celebration Events

City Manager Smith said she is still waiting for confirmation on the POA's participation this year, but Chairman Steve Brett said he thought it was favorable. The proposed events are:

- June 16 – Cruise-In followed by dinner and an Elvis tribute concert by Mark Pitts.
- July 1 – Evening dinner and concert in the park
- August 18 – Evening dinner and concert in the park
- June 30 – July 1 – Sparks in the Park Arts & Craft Show

Councilor Platt made a motion to move forward with these events, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

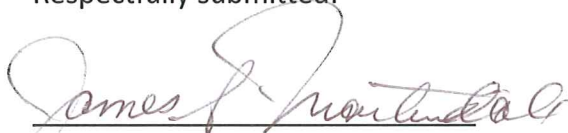
Planning and Zoning Commissioner Brooker said that he attended training in Covington, GA.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.


Councilor Howard made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk