

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
APRIL 17, 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 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 Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, 2nd Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

Councilor Platt made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Martindale said the golf course property is back on the market.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Platt thanked Officer Free for instructing and training the firearm safety course Friday and Saturday. Sky Valley partnered with Mountain City on this training. Citizen Connie Larsen asked Chief Dills to email her for the next training and she will send it to the Property Owners Association.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- (a) Police Chief's Report – given by Chief Dills
- (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.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Ratify approval of Division 2 Change Order 4 – 2010 Water System Improvement Project
City Manager Smith said this change order was emailed to the Council. Councilor Platt made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

- Discussion of attorney's bill – requested by Community Development Committee

Councilor Larsen said that John Temple, Frank Norton, and Allen Jackson paid this bill for an attorney's work that was done for the Community Development Committee and requested that the City reimburse them. Mayor Martindale said that the committee's work was authorized by the City, but the City did not authorize any expenses associated with the committee. Mayor Martindale said that he attended the meeting with City Manager Smith and David Whatley. Mayor Martindale and Councilor Whatley, and that at no time was it requested for the City to pay for the attorney's services. Councilor Larsen made a motion to reimburse the three gentlemen who paid the attorney's bill. The motion died for lack of a second.

- Discussion of mapping

Councilor Larsen explained that none of the GPS systems work well in Sky Valley, and they show roads going in incorrect directions. He expressed concern over an emergency situation and someone not being able to find the correct house. City Manager Smith said that this is a problem that the City has faced on many occasions such as trying to update and print a new City map, calling in utility locates, and the road names being listed incorrectly. She said that she contacted Faith Jones at the Regional Commission who does GIS mapping to see if there is an option to have mapping done and how we could get the maps updated. She will give an update at the next meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizen Bill Otis asked if the City was in any way pursuing a park or building authority. Attorney Dickerson said the Building Authority passed the General Assembly and is waiting the Governor's signature. Usually, the governor signs bills in May.

Citizen Linda Durrence thanked the police department for pulling someone out of the ditch. She said the police department is an asset to Sky Valley.

Councilor Whatley asked City Manager Smith if she had an update of what North Carolina's DOT is doing at the intersection of Hwy 106 and Old Mud Creek. City Manager Smith said that they are removing trees and some of the bank at the intersection to increase visibility and are installing a flashing light to warn of oncoming traffic.

Councilor Howard said he thinks it is unfortunate that the three gentlemen had to pay that attorney's bill. He said that the City has to operate like a business, and authorization should have been requested prior to incurring the expense.

Councilor Platt made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:


James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:


Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk