

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 20, 2014
THURSDAY, 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 28 – Regular Meeting
- November 10 – Public Hearing
- November 13 – Public Hearing

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MAYOR'S REMARKS

COUNCIL REMARKS

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution Adopting the Millage Rate for 2014 Ad Valorem Taxes and the 2015 General Fund Budget
- Two-Way Traffic on Saddleback Circle
- Discussion of Tree Ordinance – Clear Cutting

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 28, 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, and Howard, City Manager Lapeyrouse, Chief Dills, and City Clerk Cantrell.

Helen Kleiber gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23 Regular Meeting, 2nd Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

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

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Goodgame spoke about his future vision of Sky Valley. It is extremely important to get sewer. We are the only city in Rabun County without sewer. He said he wanted people to know that he stays in contact with the County and is continually working toward this goal. Many people end up having to move away from Sky Valley because they need assistance in their older years. Having sewer would open the possibility for an assisted living home. It would also help us attract a small hotel/conference center. We also need more homes to be occupied. We are working so hard to market our community, and this is one of the reasons we opened a visitor center.

Mayor Goodgame said that there has been a lot of discussion about the City purchasing the property at 3608 Hwy 246. This is the only commercial piece of property on the highway, and the Council feels that it is a great site for a future city complex, including a meeting room. Some discussion has occurred regarding the purchase price and why no appraisal was done. An appraisal was not done because appraisals are based on comparable sales and buildings. There are no comparables to this building. It was purchased several years ago for \$275,000 and it was converted from a liquor store to an office building. The property tax value is \$125,000. Property tax values are not a direct comparison to sales values.

Fall Fest was fabulous, and it was so great because the community pulled together as one. The event was headed up by the Marketing Committee. He said he knows that at least one timeshare sold that day, and a few real estate agents set up appointments to show houses.

Garbage and recycling are hot topics right now. Councilor Martin Greene and the Maintenance and Public Works Committee are working diligently researching options for our garbage service.

The State is going to put up Visitor Center signs on Hwy 246 on both sides of the building so that people will know to look for it. We are also asking the State if we can turn the shoulder area that is already paved into a turning lane.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilor Carr said that when the gate at Eagle Circle and Driver Lane is open it creates a lot of additional traffic. She asked if the police can check on that on a daily basis.

Councilor Greene said the Maintenance & Public Works Committee met yesterday and looked at 13 or 14 different options for garbage collection. They are scheduling another meeting soon. When the Committee narrows down the options, the City will send out another survey for community input. No matter what option is chosen, the garbage rates will have to increase. We cannot cover expenses at the current rate whether we purchase a new truck or outsource collection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning Commission

City Clerk Cantrell reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission's public hearings. They have heard two variance requests. One request is for 1024 Ridgepole to encroach into the front and side yard setbacks to construct a garage. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval. The other request is from the adjoining property owner, Ridgepole, Part One, Lot 143, to encroach into the required distance between principal structures and to allow the approval period to be a perpetual easement. This request was made because, if the encroachment is approved for 1024 Ridgepole, the most conceivable plan for a house and garage to be built on this lot would put it within the 30 foot distance requirement between the structures. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval. The engineer who worked with both property owners was present to answer any questions, and the attorney for Mr. Martin, who drafted the perpetual easement, was also present. Attorney Dickerson reviewed the easement, and approved the content

CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS

City Manager Lapeyrouse thanked the POA for sponsoring the Employee Appreciation Day. The Club hosted at the pavilion and cooked fried chicken for us.

If you are not on the city's email list and would like to be, please call us so we can add you. This is the best way to reach the most people with announcements, surveys, and meeting notices.

NEW BUSINESS

- Variance Request: 1824 Ridgepole, Don Rice, to encroach into the 15 foot front yard setback requirement by 10 feet and encroach into the 15 foot side yard setback by 15 feet

Councilor Howard made a motion to approve, 2nd Council President Larsen. Councilor Carr asked if we have a signed affidavit from the adjoining property owners. Mitch Baker, attorney present for Richard Martin, said that the adjoining property owners have worked together throughout this entire process. City Manager Lapeyrouse explained that once the Rice's pull the permit and build their garage, no further documentation is needed for their property. Councilor Carr asked if this variance would hinder emergency vehicle's ability to travel the road. There is no encroachment into the right of way. There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Goodgame called for the vote. The motion to approve the request was unanimously approved.

- Variance Request: Ridgepole Part 1, Lot 143, Richard Martin
 1. to encroach 5 feet into the 30 foot required distance between principal structures
 2. to extend the approval period from six months to a perpetual encroachment – to be filed with the property deed

Council President Larsen made a motion to approve, 2nd Councilor Greene, unanimously approved.

- Joint Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Goodgame explained that this is the plan we have been working on with the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission. It is a plan with Rabun County and all the Cities within the County and must be updated every ten years. Councilor Greene made a motion to approve, 2nd Council President Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Leaf Vacuum

Mayor Goodgame said that our leaf vacuum was sold as surplus. He said that we found one with low hours that was seven years old on govdeals.com, and bid on it, but it ended up selling for over \$20,000. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we are continuing to look for a good used one. We have one quote for one that is the same size as the one we had for \$22,000 and a larger unit for \$28,000. The one we had was undersized for what all we use it for, including cleaning culverts. Council President Larsen asked if renting one is an option to at least get us through the season. City Manager Lapeyrouse said she was unable to find one to rent or a demo unit available. Councilor Carr asked where we would store a leaf vacuum. Mayor Goodgame said it will be stored at city hall; we do not have a building to store our equipment in. Council President Larsen made a motion to move forward with the purchase of a leaf vacuum, 2nd Councilor Greene, unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

General Fund Proposed Budget: Presentation and Questions

Mayor Goodgame presented the proposed 2015 General Fund budget. City Manager Lapeyrouse reviewed the differences from the 2014 budget to the 2015 budget. The 2015 budget is based on a millage rate of 16.31, a two mil increase. Mayor Goodgame said payroll and insurance increases include a five-percent employee raise. Over the last five years, employees have only been given raises in two years. A portion of the economic development

budget is to move the power lines in front of the Visitor Center. This will cost approximately \$7,000. Other one-time expenses to the visitor center include landscaping and building repairs. Mayor Goodgame said that the budget also includes depreciation and contingency funds. We have not budgeted depreciation in the past, and contingency had been cut out of the budget. He said that the City needs to build funds to have cash on hand for future work with the County to have sewer installed. It is also very traditional for developers to request local assistance when investing in a community and gave the examples of an assisted living home, small hotel, or conference center.

Citizen Matt Belfi said he has a second home here and inquired as to how people that don't live here full time have access to information such as the recent property purchased by the city. Mayor Goodgame explained that the City paid cash for the property. Meeting information is available on the City's website, and it is also emailed. Mr. Belfi said that that he hears talk about a newer generation of people for Sky Valley and suggested some of the meetings be held in the evenings for people who work during the day. He asked why the Council wasn't talking about the old lodge. Mayor Goodgame said that he has been trying to negotiate with Mr. Merrill and that the City has offered to demolish the old lodge in exchange for property. We currently lease property from Merrill – the overlook and city park across from post office. It is a situation where the city and the property owner both have leverage. The community would have to decide if we are willing to risk losing the leases to pursue condemning the old lodge property.

Councilor Howard said it sounded like Mayor Goodgame is not currently in communication with Mr. Merrill and wanted to make sure this discussion is still ongoing. Mayor Goodgame said that he is still attempting to communicate with him, but Merrill is not responding.

Citizen Helen Kleiber said the Council should consider a couple weekend meetings for 2015.

Mr. Belfi asked how people can access information being presented at meetings. City Clerk Cantrell said that the packets for council meetings are posted online before the meeting and the minutes are posted after the meetings. City Manager Lapeyrouse added that meeting notices are also emailed and asked anyone who was not on the City's email distribution list and wanted to be, please contact her or City Clerk Cantrell to be added.

Citizen Barbara Kobacker said that the meetings are recorded. City Clerk Cantrell explained that the meetings are recorded, but once the minutes of that meeting are approved, the tapes are recorded over, and the minutes are the official record. Mayor Goodgame said we do not currently have software to support having the recordings being stored and available for viewing, but we can look into it.

Citizen Delano Moore said that we need to be careful about the taxes imposed. He said it does not affect each person buying a home in Sky Valley, but it is a deterrent for some. Mayor Goodgame said our marketing efforts are to attract people to buy in Sky Valley, and that through that raising property values, the millage rate will not need to continue to increase.

PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Citizen Debbie McAfee asked if the City can put something on the sign at the overlook stating that the Visitor Center is open and the hours. Mayor Goodgame said that we can post it on the bulletin board area of the sign.

Liz Morley asked for an update on the cell tower. Mayor Goodgame said that he called last week, but hasn't heard anything back yet. We have been assured that this is a 2014 project.

Delano Moore asked if all realtors can put up property flyers in the window of the Visitor Center. Mayor Goodgame said that until we have separate building ready for the previous owner to move into, they are still inside building. He said that he would like to see all realtors have information available and volunteer at the center. Citizen Sue Cillo said that it appears to be an endorsement of Ed West Realty.

Citizen Reuel Hamilton said that he had a power failure at his house yesterday and that he called the city instead of Georgia Power thinking city staff would know something about the outage. He said the number in the phone book for Georgia Power only got to a recorded message, not a live person.

Mr. Belfi asked if the small building was purchased with the property and what the plans are for it. Mayor Goodgame said it was storage that we tried to turn into office space for the realtor to move into, but the building's subfloor and foundation was beyond repair. The building will be demolished.

Councilor Carr made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Council President Larsen, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
November 10, 2014
Monday, 1:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 817 SKY VALLEY WAY

MINUTES

Mayor Goodgame called the meeting to order. Those present: Mayor Goodgame, Council President Larsen, Councilors Carr, Greene, and Howard, City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Cantrell. Audience: 7

Mayor Goodgame stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed millage rate for the 2014 Ad Valorem taxes and the 2015 General Fund Budget. This is the first of three public hearings. The next one is on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 1:00 PM, and the last public hearing will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6:00 PM. They are both at the fellowship hall. The millage rate and the 2015 General Fund Budget will be considered for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Fellowship Hall.

Mayor Goodgame read the ground rules for the public hearing. He then gave an overview of the proposed budget based on a two mil increase. Most items remain the same. The notable increases include accounting software, some one-time expenses for the visitor center such as moving the power lines, landscaping, and building repairs, depreciation so that we have funds available to replace equipment as needed, and contingency funds. He said the budget includes a five-percent raise for employees. Employees have had raises two out of the last five years, and the five-percent this year will equal 9.5 percent over six years, which is still lower than the CPI has been. The City has not replaced employees we have lost, but have added more duties to existing employees. He added that the City has a good group of employees, who are all valuable, and he would hate to lose any of them.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed millage rate. Bill Otis, 522 Rebel Circle, said he believed the millage rate would not have to be raised so high if not for purchasing the visitor center building. He said he appreciated the staggered times of the public hearings to allow more people to attend. He also said that he was under the impression that the rental income from the building would cover the operating expenses for it. Mayor Goodgame said that the income will cover regular operating expenses, but that the 2015 budget includes the one-time expenses he mentioned earlier. Goodgame explained that the small building on the property, that was planned to be used as rental space for Ed West Realty/Sky Valley Accommodations, cannot be brought up to building codes, and will have to be demolished. The Council voted unanimously to purchase this property and all feel that it can be a future city complex. They felt it was a good value for the city.

Mr. Otis said that he understands and appreciates funding depreciation. The only deterrent is the high property taxes in Rabun County and Sky Valley for those who live inside city limits.

Steve Brett, 70 Downing Street, said that he is not against the millage rate increase, but that he has concerns. He cited the police department's budget being over one-third of the budget and asked if we needed five officers with two on duty at the same time during the week. He said that overall, he is happy with the budget. He said he has always been a supporter of the police department, and still is, but that he is in support of one officer on duty at a time. Mayor Goodgame said that the Council has discussed this possibility, and is working with Chief Dills to address this option, but that they are not ready to make a recommendation. Mr. Brett said that the Council needs to make a decision. Mayor Goodgame said that if we make the change and only have four people in the department instead of five, that Chief Dills would be a patrol officer, and would not be on call all the time like he is now. He explained that there are some details on how this can work that need to be worked out before a decision can be reached.

Councilor Carr said that we are also hoping to be able to save money on employee health insurance.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed millage rate.
None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed budget.
Truman Barber, 277 Moon Ridge, asked if the same amount, \$34,000, is anticipated for depreciation each year moving forward. Mayor Goodgame said that we have not funded it in the past, and that it will be adjusted annually. He added that the 2016 budget will include a smaller percentage for employee raises, and less expense for the visitor center.

Councilor Carr said that she has received several phone calls from people in the Atlanta area in opposition to the millage rate.

Mr. Brett said he wanted to reiterate his comments made during the millage rate portion of the meeting.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed budget.
None spoke.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested:

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING
November 13, 2014
Thursday, 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, and Greene, City Manager Lapeyrouse, City Clerk Cantrell.

Audience: 2

Mayor Goodgame stated that the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed millage rate for the 2014 Ad Valorem taxes and the 2015 General Fund Budget. This is the second public hearing. The next and last public hearing will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6:00 PM. It is also at the fellowship hall. The millage rate and the 2015 General Fund Budget will be considered for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Fellowship Hall.

Mayor Goodgame read the ground rules for the public hearing.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed millage rate. None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed millage rate. Clifford Bell spoke in favor of the millage rate increase stating that he believes it will pay everyone back down the road through the marketing efforts.

Connie Larsen said she dittoed Mr. Bell's comment.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in opposition to the proposed budget. None spoke.

Mayor Goodgame opened the floor for those in favor of the proposed budget.

Connie Larsen said she appreciated the hard work on the 2015 budget.

Mayor Goodgame asked if any of the Councilors had comments on the proposed millage rate or budget before closing the public hearing.

There being none, the public hearing was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Attested:

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk



SKY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fact Sheet for October 2014 Report

Fire:	10/30	Thunderhead Ln	Chimney Fire
Medical:	10/12	Pool Area	A Resident has Fallen
	10/13	Evergreen Ln	Medical Alarm (False Alarm)
	10/23	Bald Mtn Rd	Medical Call Assisted Med Unit
Missing Peron:	10/31	Alex Mtn	Subj Went to Clayton and was Late
Suspicious:	10/10	Jiminy Peak	Susp. Vehicle in Front of Home
	10/22	Brassie Knob	Car With Trunk Left Open
	10/24	Old Lodge	Silver Vehicle in Lot after 12am
	10/26	Hwy. 246	Red Hummer Parked on Roadway
Mutual Aid:	10/02	Darlington Ln	Fight Between Housemates
	10/26	Hwy. 246	Vehicle That Has Broken Down
Lost & Found:	10/12	Bald Mtn Rd	Recovered Cell phone
	10/18	Proshop	2 Golf bags Recovered After Hours
Complaint:	10/09	Hwy. 246 Overlook	Graffiti Sprayed on Ground
Unsecure:	10/08	Driver Lane Area	Door left Standing Open
Water/Tree	10/04	Tractor Shed	Trash Left Piled on Ground
	10/04	Sky Valley Way	Set-up Detour and Signs
	10/14	Sky High Drive	Tree in Roadway
	10/14	East Sugarbush	Tree in Roadway
	10/14	Bald Mtn Road	Tree in Roadway
	10/14	Big Bear Lane	Tree in Roadway
	10/14	Hwy. 246	Tree Down in Power Lines
Veh Assist:	10/08	Chapel	Unlock a Vehicle
	10/13	Little Bear Lane	Vehicle Jump Start



SKY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY STATISTICS

INCIDENT	MONTH	YTD 2014	MONTH	YTD 2013	STAT
Fire	1	7	0	3	
Medical Emergency	3	30	1	28	
Vehicle Accident	0	7	1	8	
Family Violence	0	1	0	0	
Fight/Assault	1	1	0	2	
Suicide/Death	0	3	0	4	
Missing Person	1	5	0	2	
Burglary	0	1	0	0	
Theft	0	4	0	3	
Suspicious Activity	1	24	2	24	
Suspicious Person	1	3	0	10	
Suspicious Vehicle	4	22	1	21	
Alarm	0	11	0	6	
Investigation	0	3	3	8	
DUI/ Public Drunk	0	0	0	0	
Drug Related	0	0	0	0	
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	
Stationary Patrol	0	0	0	0	
Traffic Control	2	9	1	3	
Traffic Stop	0	17	1	11	
Mutual Aid	1	27	4	11	
Animal	0	24	7	21	
Lost & Found	3	6	0	0	
Complaint	1	14	4	9	
City Ord. Violation	0	2	0	6	
All Others	1	13	0	19	
Assisting Residents	2	17	6	39	
Escorting Visitors	6	33	2	15	
Residential Check	02	148	022	278	
Discovered Unsecure	2	9	0	2	
Welfare Check	1	14	3	18	
Water/Tree/Infrastructure	08	58	3	43	
Vehicle Assistance	02	62	5	39	
Arrested	0	5	0	0	
Incarcerated	0	2	0	0	
Warning	0	3	0	4	
Citations	0	9	0	1	
Total Calls	43	462	044	383	
911 Calls	06	73	04	37	
Mileage	3060	32,437	3706	40,037	
October 2014					

Departmental Report by the City Manager

November, 2014



Announcements -

City Hall Holiday Closures

City Hall will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, November 27

Friday, November 28

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Thursday, January 1

December Council Meeting Change

The December Council Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, December 16th at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall.

2014 Tax Bills

City tax bills will be mailed out in December and will be due 60 days from the date they are mailed.

Building Inspection/Code Enforcement -

Building Permits

Please be reminded that work done on your home may likely require a permit. When in doubt, please contact the Building Inspector's Office or City Hall. If you are found to be doing work without a permit, your first offense will subject you to a penalty fee equal to double the cost of the permit, a \$50 minimum. The homeowner is ultimately responsible for making sure his/her contractors obtain the necessary permits. Permits are required for, but not limited to, all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, soil & erosion, roofing, decking, stairs, concrete, tree cutting, additions and remodeling. Many repair permits have no cost associated with them but are still required and will still be subject to the penalty fee if they are not properly obtained.

Public Works -

Leaf Collection

We are happy to report that we now have a new leaf vacuum collection system. We have started our leaf collection service whereby we collect leaves from the ditch. We will be systematically working our way throughout the city. We don't want the leaves to stop up our culverts, so if you have filled your ditch exceptionally full, please call City Hall and let us know. Likewise, if you bag your leaves, please call City Hall to pick up the bags. They will not be picked up with regular household garbage. It is very important that nothing is mixed in with your leaves such as limbs or trash. We want to continue to be able to offer this service and protect our new equipment.

Tree Cutting/Chipping/Mulch

Please don't forget that any tree with a trunk that is 25" or more in circumference at 18" above the ground requires a permit for cutting, trimming & topping. If you had to obtain a permit to cut, it would not qualify for city chipping service. Contractors are responsible for the removal of all tree cuttings within 14 days. Homeowner chipping service is done on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, weather permitting. Please take this schedule into consideration when planning your trimming. The City provides 15 minutes of chipping service to every homeowner each month at no cost. Chipping service is then provided at a rate of \$100/hour for any time exceeding the first 15 minutes. Cuttings must be less than 8" in diameter and must be stacked in one direction on the right-of-way, out of the road and not in an area that will block culverts or otherwise impede storm water drainage. We cannot chip small yard debris, vines, thorn bushes, small shrubbery clippings, railroad ties, landscape timbers, or similar type items. The chipping service is designed for limbs and small trees only. All other yard waste must be bagged.

Mulch from our chipping service is available for purchase from the City for \$25 per load delivered.

Water -

Winterizing

City Ordinance requires that all residences vacated during winter months be winterized to protect the plumbing from freezing. Under no circumstances may a water tap be left open to prevent freezing while you are away from your home. This practice is prohibited and a violation of water use conservation by GA EPD. Any vacated residence detected using water by the City will be assumed to have faulty plumbing internally. Upon this assumption the City will turn off the water to prevent additional damage to the property and attempt to contact the property owner. If you have already left and did not turn off your homeowner valve, please call City Hall. We will be happy to provide this service for a nominal fee of \$10.

Solid Waste -

Garbage Pick-up

All of the many garbage issues and service options are being studied by the Maintenance and Public Works Committee. A survey will be sent to the public soon with the most viable options to choose from. Garbage service will continue with Monday pick-up service until further notice. Please remember that pink rocks on your cans means that you do not have garbage. Also, please don't forget that garbage should not be placed out for pick-up any earlier than the morning of the service. Garbage pick-up begins at 8 AM. Animals will scatter garbage even when put in the underground cans. Garbage collectors are not responsible for picking up any garbage that is not properly bagged once they arrive. The dumpster at the tractor barn on Knob Drive can be utilized when you need to take your garbage somewhere prior to a garbage collection day. This is especially important when your garbage contains food items. **NO garbage other than regular household garbage should be put out by the road or in the dumpster. Anyone found dumping lumber, carpet, paint, etc. in the dumpsters will be cited.** These materials must be hauled to the transfer station on Boggs Mountain Road in Tiger. Recyclables and other household garbage can be taken to the recycle center on Kelly's Creek Road. The recycle center is open 7 AM – 7 PM Monday through Saturday and 12 PM – 5 PM on Sunday.

With the nation becoming more environmentally conscious, we need to recognize the importance of recycling. It is essential that we encourage ourselves and our neighbors to recycle.



Reduce... Reuse... Recycle...

Reduce the amount and toxicity of trash you throw away

Reuse containers and products

Recycle as much as possible and buy products with recycled content

Balance Sheet - as of October 31, 2014

General Funds	
General Fund Cash	594,249.44
Municipal Court	10,360.31
Petty Cash	300.00
Accounts Receivable	11,000.94
Due from Other Funds	38,523.33
Total Assets	654,434.02
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue (Property Taxes)	0.00
Due to Other Funds	0.00
Funds Remaining for 2014 Budget	284,893.47
Total Liabilities	284,893.47
Fund Balance	369,540.55
Local Restrictions on Fund Balance	
Admin & General Government	912.86
Roads	74,220.54
Police	0.00
Housing & Development	15,000.00
Total Locally Restricted Funds	90,133.40
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	279,407.15
Enterprise Funds	
Combined Utility Fund Cash	602,954.20
Accounts Receivable	44,793.49
Total Current Assets	647,747.69
Current Liabilities	
Prepaid Accounts	3,102.02
Deposits for Water Service	748.54
Due to Other Funds	38,523.33
Total Liabilities	42,373.89
Restricted Funds	
GEFA Debt Service Reserve	53,211.00
Net Assets	552,162.80
Local Restrictions on Funds	
Water	928.00
Solid Waste	23,829.05
Total Locally Restricted	24,757.05
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	527,405.75
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	
Accommodations Tax Received	7,400.96
SPLOST	
SPLOST Funds Received	303,666.01

City of Sky valley
General Fund
Budget Performance
October 2014

	Oct 14	Jan - Oct 14	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
33.4000 · GA government grants/contracts	0.00	0.00	22,550.00	0.0%
33.9000 · Other Grants (GMA, GIRMA, etc)	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
37.1000 · Donations - Private Sources	0.00	7,325.00		
38.1000 · Rent	850.00	850.00		
39.1000 · Use of Fund Balance/Restricted	0.00	0.00	95,300.00	0.0%
60110 · Ad valorem - property	0.00	833,339.97	832,140.00	100.14%
60120 · Ad valorem - vehicles	3,861.73	40,678.15	8,610.00	472.45%
60140 · Penalties, Fife's, interest	4.30	8,627.10	5,000.00	172.54%
60210 · Insurance premium tax	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	0.0%
60220 · Beverage Excise tax	284.77	1,253.18	750.00	167.09%
60230 · Franchise tax	0.00	45,664.82	50,000.00	91.33%
60235 · Fines & forfeitures	0.00	859.73	4,000.00	21.49%
60240 · Business license	0.00	1,230.00	3,200.00	38.44%
60250 · Permits	1,365.50	9,611.20	9,950.00	96.6%
60270 · Zoning applications	0.00	200.00	100.00	200.0%
60271 · Sales of Reports, Copies, Etc.	72.70	627.83	500.00	125.57%
60280 · Real estate transfer tax	369.14	1,299.86	1,500.00	86.66%
60281 · Intangible tax	449.28	3,148.47	6,000.00	52.48%
69110 · Interest income	0.00	2,136.19	2,400.00	89.01%
69115 · Transfer from hotel/motel tax	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
69120 · Transfers from enterprise fund	0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	100.0%
69150 · Refunds & Reimbursements	297.00	1,369.18	1,000.00	136.92%
69990 · Miscellaneous	0.00	371.56	500.00	74.31%
70000 · Sale of surplus property	9,096.57	14,502.57	4,000.00	362.56%
Total Income	16,650.99	1,098,094.81	1,189,500.00	92.32%
Administration & General Government				
510000 · Personal Services	16,667.84	132,533.19	162,210.00	81.71%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	7,120.71	56,398.08	53,100.00	106.21%
530000 · Supplies	395.01	6,396.79	28,450.00	22.48%
540000 · Capital Outlays	4,433.48	207,228.05	220,300.00	94.07%
Total Expense	28,617.04	402,556.11	464,060.00	86.75%
Roads				
510000 · Personal Services	11,718.47	99,845.09	130,055.00	76.77%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	673.23	22,772.68	33,165.00	68.67%
530000 · Supplies	2,086.88	35,527.32	49,780.00	71.37%
540000 · Capital Outlays	8,400.00	8,400.00	80,000.00	10.5%
Total Expense	22,878.58	166,545.09	293,000.00	56.84%
Police				
510000 · Personal Services	29,505.81	238,812.24	281,705.00	84.77%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	636.70	21,763.86	31,045.00	70.1%
530000 · Supplies	1,970.72	15,597.06	25,750.00	60.57%
Total Expense	32,113.23	276,173.16	338,500.00	81.59%

City of Sky valley
General Fund
Budget Performance
October 2014

	Oct 14	Jan - Oct 14	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Housing & Development				
510000 · Personal Services	2,449.75	19,864.69	25,860.00	76.82%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	90.40	2,516.09	6,940.00	36.26%
530000 · Supplies	522.56	2,621.96	3,100.00	84.58%
Total Expense	3,062.71	25,002.74	35,900.00	69.65%
Elections				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	248.00	341.00	4,900.00	6.96%
Total Expense	248.00	341.00	4,900.00	6.96%
Executive				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	42.23	2,852.97	3,125.00	91.3%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	14.10	75.00	18.8%
Total Expense	42.23	2,867.07	3,200.00	89.6%
Legislative				
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	625.00	7,617.38	11,200.00	68.01%
530000 · Supplies	0.00	13.20	300.00	4.4%
Total Expense	625.00	7,630.58	11,500.00	66.35%
Judicial				
510000 · Personal Services	237.94	2,292.01	2,470.00	92.79%
520000 · Purchased / Contracted Services	403.20	1,698.77	1,970.00	86.23%
Total Expense	641.14	3,990.78	4,440.00	89.88%
Fire & Rescue	0.00	43,500.00	58,000.00	75.0%
Total Income	16,650.99	1,098,094.81	1,189,500.00	
Total Expenses	88,227.93	932,596.84	1,189,500.00	
Net Income	(71,576.94)	165,497.97	0.00	

**City of Sky Valley
Enterprise Funds
Budget Performance
October 2014**

Water	Oct 14	Jan - Oct 14	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
34.4210 · Water charges	28,112.85	298,965.21	325,000.00	91.99%
34.9000 · Other charges for services	151.00	414.08	280.00	147.89%
36.1000 · Interest revenue	119.41	1,249.26	1,500.00	83.28%
38.0000 · Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	6,489.00		
39.1000 · Interfund Transfers	0.00	0.00	57,220.00	0.0%
39.2200 · Sale of Surplus Property	5,600.75	5,600.75		
Total Income	33,984.01	312,718.30	384,000.00	81.44%
Expense				
51.1000 · Personal Services - Wages	8,938.71	82,929.44	138,565.00	59.85%
52.1000 · Purchased profess & tech svcs	1,255.14	27,089.04	44,980.00	60.23%
53.1000 · Supplies	4,600.95	42,828.10	58,900.00	72.71%
54.0000 · Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
58.0000 · Debt Service	10,043.95	100,439.50	126,555.00	79.36%
Total Expense	24,838.75	253,286.08	384,000.00	65.96%
Net Income	9,145.26	59,432.22	0.00	100.0%

Solid Waste	Oct 14	Jan - Oct 14	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Income				
34.4100 · Sanitation	9,236.00	92,439.60	112,000.00	82.54%
39.2200 · Sale of Surplus Property	7,363.75	7,363.75		
Total Income	16,599.75	99,803.35	112,000.00	89.11%
Expense				
51.1000 · Personal Services - Wages	4,788.11	49,005.54	64,545.00	75.93%
52.1000 · Purchased profess & tech svcs	8,818.55	38,031.29	34,700.00	109.6%
53.1000 · Supplies	77.92	5,516.06	12,755.00	43.25%
53.1710 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	468.92		
Total Expense	13,684.58	93,021.81	112,000.00	83.06%
Net Income	2,915.17	6,781.54	0.00	100.0%

Totals Report For 2012 Taxes October 2014 Tax Commissioner

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2012 Ad Valorem Tax	834,170.00	831,967.82	238.19+	2440.37
Interest	2,288.10	1,970.90		317.20
Penalty	3,089.91	2,845.87		244.04
Costs	6,646.00	6,646.00		0
Totals	846,194.01	843,430.59	238.19+	3,001.61

Collected: 99.71%

*outstanding total is Georgia Windstream Inc which is still under appeal. Will collect once appeal is completed.

Totals Report For 2013 Taxes October 2014 Tax Commissioner

	Billed	Collected	Adjustments	Outstanding
2013 Ad Valorem Tax	838,547.44	824,176.77	5,810.10-	8,560.57
Interest	2,153.01	1302.05	0	850.96
Penalty	1,585.69	738.03	0	847.66
Costs	444.00	228.00	0	216.00
Totals	842,730.14	826,444.85	5,810.10-	10,475.19

Collected: 98.97%

RESOLUTION 14-_____

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET,
TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2014 AD VALOREM TAXES,
AND TO ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, the City of Sky Valley, Georgia (City) has received the digest from the Rabun County Property Appraiser stating the amount of assessed values which he has certified to the Georgia Department of Revenue for non-exempt real and business personal property within the City for the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the revenue necessary for the operation of the City for its Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015, the City Council of the City of Sky Valley has determined the rate of ad valorem tax levy that must be assessed for the year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to adopt a millage of \$16.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the \$16.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value is considered a tax increase;

WHEREAS, the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 prescribing the method of advertisements, notices, and public hearings has been complied with;

WHEREAS, the City Manager has presented a proposed fiscal year 2015 General Fund Budget to the City Council of each of the various funds of the City;

WHEREAS, the budget lists proposed revenues/expenditures for the fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the budget is a balanced budget, so that anticipated revenues for each fund equal proposed appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Sky Valley City Council hereby establishes the rate of \$16.31 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as the ad valorem levy for FY 2014 on the non-exempt real and business personal property appearing on the 2014 tax digest of the City of Sky Valley for operating requirements.
2. The tax shall be collected by the Sky Valley Tax Collector as prescribed by law and deposited to the General Fund account of the City of Sky Valley.

3. The Budget, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by reference, shall be the City of Sky Valley's General Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2015;
4. Expenditures shall not exceed the appropriations authorized by this Budget and Amendments thereto or actual funding sources, whichever is less.
5. The Budget shall be adjusted so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during the fiscal year as follows, such amendments shall be recognized as approved changes to this ordinance in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(d)(1):
 - a. Any increase in appropriations in any department, whether through a change in anticipated revenues or through a transfer of appropriations among departments, shall require the approval of the City Council.
 - b. The City Manager shall have the authority to approve transfers within a Department from one line item to another except for salary line items. The City Council shall have the authority to approve transfers to and from salary line items.

All resolutions, ordinances or portion of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

It is so resolved and approved by vote of the City Council of the City of Sky Valley this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Approved:

Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Robert Larsen, Council President

Liz Carr, Councilor

Martin Greene, Councilor

Neil Howard, Councilor

Attest:

Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk

David Whatley, Councilor

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

2015

REVENUES

General Property Taxes	
Real Property	949,985
Personal Property	12,000
Real Estate Transfer	1,500
Franchise Taxes	50,000
Intangible Taxes	5,000
Selective Sales and Use Taxes	
Alcoholic Beverage Excise	800
Business Taxes	
Occupation Taxes	600
Insurance Premium Taxes	13,000
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	5,000
Business Licenses	1,400
Alcoholic Beverages	
Non-Business Licenses & Permits	100
Zoning and Land Use	
Sign	
Regulatory Fees	10,000
Building Permits	
Tree Cutting Permits	
Culture & Recreation	0
Promotional Events	
Intergovernmental Revenues	0
Grants	25,550
Charges for Services	600
Fines & Forfeitures	1,000
Investment Income	2,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	500
Reimbursements	1,000
Rents & Royalties	12,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	1,092,735
Other Financing Sources	
Interfund Transfer	
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	3,000
SPLOST Fund	350,000
Sale of Surplus Property	700
Capital Leases	0
Use of Unreserved Fund Balance	0
Use of Restricted Fund Balance	22,550
Use of Committed Fund Balance	59,050
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER SOURCES	\$1,528,035

APPROPRIATIONS

Executive	4,700
Legislative	12,500
General Administration	246,895
Fire Services	58,000
Police	350,270
Judicial	4,810
Housing & Development	36,500
Public Works	221,500
Elections	3,000
Economic Development	47,850
TOTAL OPERATING	\$986,025
Fleet Vehicle Replacement	10,000
Equipment Replacement	4,000
Road Improvement Program	469,150
Debt Service	
Capital Lease	0
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$483,150
CONTINGENCY	24,810
DEPRECIATION	34,050
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,528,035

EXHIBIT A

Native shrubbery, trees and undergrowth such as mountain laurel, rhododendron, rare wildflowers, ferns, etc. shall be preserved insofar as practical and reasonable in order to retard surface runoff and soil erosion, and to protect their native species.

Clear cutting and the removal of native vegetation shall be prohibited, except as follows:

1. As necessary for placing public roads, utilities, structures and parking areas.
2. As necessary to protect a "Home Ignition Zone." Home Ignition Zones are defined as 60 feet around any habitable structure.
3. Underbrushing or selective cutting of a group of small trees or native shrubbery in excess of a 10' x 10' area may be allowed with a permit as long as a sufficient canopy and cover is left as a sizable buffer between the area to be cut and the public right-of-way or adjacent property owner. A permit shall be required for any such cutting or clearing.