

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

Jane Lively gave the invocation. Mayor Goodgame led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor's Goodgame presented a Proclamation Commemorating the Life and Service of Councilmember David K. Whatley and a plaque thanking him for his service to the City to his widow, Kristin Whatley. Mrs. Whatley thanked the City and said that David loved everyone in Sky Valley and that he considered it an honor and privilege to serve.

Mayor Goodgame presented the Mayor's Proclamation Commemorating the Life of A.W. Adams. The Proclamation will be mailed to Mrs. Diane Adams.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

Councilor Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Special Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Goodgame gave updates on the following:

Cell Tower: This is an ongoing project. We are collecting letters from the community requesting the tower and sending them to Verizon. He has been in phone and email contact with the Vice President of Verizon. They spoke on Thursday, and the VP said that they needed fiber optic cable to the tower site. TruVista is currently installing fiber optic in Sky Valley, and they said they would love to run it to the tower site. Mayor Goodgame said he let the VP know about the City's marketing efforts for growth. He encouraged residents in the City and surrounding areas to send letters to City Hall so that we can bundle them together and send weekly.

Paving: He, Councilor Greene, and City Manager Lapeyrouse met with a consultant from Allied Paving. They rode around the City and the consultant recommended the top priority roads to be paved this year. The Maintenance & Public Works Committee will meet, probably next week, to discuss and hear

public comments on the paving project. After that, we can put it out to bid. We need to schedule paving when a low number of people are here.

Garbage: The new garbage truck is here and the employees love it. Recycling is also going well.

Marketing: We spent a long time searching for a part time marketing director. We tried one, unsuccessfully. Others were interviewed, but we could not find one that was the right fit for Sky Valley. The Marketing Executive Committee offered the position to Laura Gurley at the rate of \$1,200 a month. She will also staff the visitor center 20 hours a week.

Landscape plans for the visitor center are being drawn, and these plans will include a picnic area.

Entrance: We are installing perennials in the very front of the entrance so that it will have color every season.

The Marketing and Beautification Committees will have a joint meeting soon.

Sewer: Ray Becker is on the Rabun County Water & Sewer Authority Board. Mayor Goodgame said that he attended their last meeting, and the Board is very aware of Sky Valley's need for sewer and of our efforts to grow and that our growth will help the County.

Planning & Zoning Commission: A workshop with the Region Commission was held to discuss the continuation of a plan for the City. Our current ordinances have no construction design guidelines, and the Region Commission is working on a draft of guidelines consistent with similar cities, resort areas.

#### **COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilor Lively said that some people were confused about why the City flag was at half-mast (for the passing of former Mayor A.W. Adams). He said that if we can, it would be helpful to send an email to the City's distribution list explaining why the flags are being lowered.

Council President Carr asked how we monitor water meters. City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we read the water meters twice a month, and that we also read the meters if the water level in a tank is getting low to check for leaks.

Councilor Greene said that the Maintenance & Public Works Committee will meet to discuss paving. He said that it was very eye-opening driving around the City to see the rough shape of many of the roads. It will be a tough decision.

#### **CITY MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – EXCEPTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

City Manager Lapeyrouse said that we would like to schedule a Spring Cleanup Day the week before the Festival.

Property taxes were due February 6<sup>th</sup>. A 10-percent penalty will hit on May 15<sup>th</sup> and a lien will be placed on the delinquent properties at that time.

The Public Works department is doing road patching so please be careful.

She said that household garbage is collected on Mondays and recycling only on Thursdays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Visitor Center Committee – add Laura Gurley

Councilor Lively made a motion to add Laura Gurley to the Visitor Center Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Carr, unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC FORUM AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

Steve Brett said he wished to express his sympathy to Mayor Goodgame who recently lost his sister.

Ray Brooker asked about his water bill. City Manager Lapeyrouse explained that the first 2,000 gallons of water is \$34.50 and the rate increases incrementally after that. It is \$10 for the City to turn a meter on or off at the homeowner’s request.

Dick Parrott thanked Chief Dills for helping him when he fell in the driveway.

Bill Otis mentioned that the Council may want to consider a moratorium on commercial construction until the design guidelines are in place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:



Hughel Goodgame, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk