

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
NOVEMBER 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, and Whatley, City Manager Smith, Chief Dills, City Clerk Cantrell, and Tax Commissioner Mullins, Inspector Krieger, and Attorney Perry.

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

Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve the October 16, 2012 Regular Council Meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Howard, unanimously approved.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Nuisance Abatement Ordinance

Mayor Martindale opened the floor for public comments from those in favor of the proposed Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. No comments.

Mayor Martindale opened the floor for public comments from those in opposition to the proposed Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. No comments.

Councilor Whatley made a motion to approve the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Howard. Councilor Whatley said that Attorney Dickerson recommended the City adopt this ordinance, the State's standard procedure for nuisance abatement. Councilor Whatley asked attorney Perry to ask Attorney Dickerson if we should repeal existing nuisance ordinances or if there are existing items in our current ordinances that should be incorporated into this ordinance.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Martindale wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Martindale read a letter from Dr. Charles Little thanking Officer Shope for killing a snake on his deck. Mayor Martindale read a letter from Ms. Kimbell thanking Officer Edwards for his assistance when her husband, John had an accident.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Council President Howard wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**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 Inspector Krieger
- (e) City Manager’s Report – given by City Manager Smith

These reports are hereby incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Exhibits A – E.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Approval of 2013 Budget

City Manager Smith presented the proposed 2013 budget stating that she incorporated recommendations made at the last budget workshop. Council President Howard made a motion to table, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Approval of replacement truck purchase

City Manager Smith presented proposals on the replacement truck and recommended purchasing a new 2012 Ford F-350 for \$32,809. This vehicle is to replace the red Chevy. Councilor Boyle made a motion to approve the purchase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved.

- Winter garbage collection schedule

City Manager Smith said that last year, the Council approved once a week garbage collection from January through Memorial Day weekend. She asked if the Council wanted to do this again. Council President Howard made a motion to approve the once a week pickup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

- Discussion of website – Councilor Larsen

Councilor Larsen said that he has received several negative comments about the City’s website. He recommended a joint portal site with the City, Sky Valley Club, the Property Owners Association, and the Chapel of Sky Valley. He said he likes the content, but that he does not think it helps attract people to the City. Council President Howard said that the content is wonderful, and that he would want the homepage to be more aesthetically pleasing. City Manager Smith said that with the current program, there are limited formatting options. Council President Howard made a motion to have a workshop to discuss the website, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Whatley, unanimously approved. City Clerk Cantrell will schedule a workshop to be held after the January meeting.

- Request to create a committee – by Sam LaMonte

Mayor Martindale said that Sam LaMonte is going to send a letter explaining his request and what the committee would be. Councilor Larsen made a motion to table, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

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

Citizen Ray Becker asked about the roads superintendent retiring at the end of the year and recommended having a community retirement party. City Manager Smith said a community retirement party will be scheduled.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Meetings when discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-

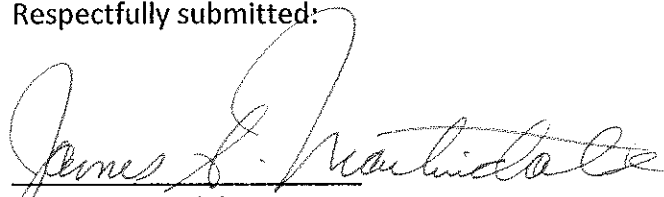
3(6). (Except when receiving evidence or hearing argument on charges filed to determine disciplinary action or dismissal of a public officer or employee.)

Councilor Howard made a motion to move into executive session to discuss employment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Boyle, unanimously approved.

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


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

Respectfully submitted:



James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:



Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk