

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA  
OCTOBER 16, 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.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Larsen, unanimously approved.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Martindale read a letter from the Mayor of Mountain City thanking Sky Valley for donating tasers.

Mayor Martindale led a round of applause thanking the Garden Club for the fall decorations.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilor Larsen recommended the City, the Garden Club, or the POA get permission to decorate and clean up the water wheel area in front of the Junction Store (in NC). Mayor Martindale said he spoke with the property owner, who has said she would sell it. He said he will approach the owner again and ask if the City can have permission to clean up and decorate the water wheel area, or if she only wants to sell it, find out the price and report back at the next meeting. Council President Howard said that the City purchased the sign on Hwy 106 and have not done anything with it. Mayor Martindale asked Council President Howard to have the PEDC Committee make a recommendation of what to do with the sign.

**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 City Clerk Cantrell
- (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.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Commission Chairman MacNair said the Commission met yesterday to hear the exception request for the metal roof installed at 1021 Saddleback Circle. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the exception to the Council.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mayor's Proclamation – Sky Valley Garden Club Appreciation Week

Mayor Martindale read the Proclamation Declaring the week of October 22 – October 28, 2012 as the Sky Valley Garden Club Appreciation Week. Council President Howard made a motion to approve the Proclamation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Platt, unanimously approved. Citizen Sam Lamonte thanked the City for their support of the Garden Club.

- Approval of Exception for Metal Roof at 1021 Saddleback

Councilor Platt made a motion to approve the exception to the building code by allowing the metal roof installed at 1021 Saddleback, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Howard, unanimously approved. This exceptional use allows a light gray, 29-gauge Tuff-Rib with exposed fasteners metal roof. Notice of this Special Exception stating that the roof installed does not meet the City's building code requirements will be filed with the property deed.

- Approval of Resolution Setting the Millage Rate for the 2012 Ad Valorem Taxes

City Manager Smith said that at the last workshop, the Councilors in attendance were all in favor of keeping the current millage rate but some details of the budget still need decided. She presented the Resolution to Set the Millage Rate for the 2012 Ad Valorem Taxes. Council President Howard made a motion to approve the Resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilor Platt, unanimously approved.

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

Councilor Whatley said the P & Z also held a hearing on the proposed Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Attorney Dickerson said that we will have to run a notice according to the Zoning Procedure Law and hold a Council Public Hearing to allow public comment before approval. City Clerk Cantrell said she will have the notice published for the Public Hearing to be held in conjunction with the November 20 Regular Council Meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 Whatley made a motion to reconvene regular session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council President Howard, unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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James Martindale, Mayor

Attested:

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Mandi Cantrell, City Clerk