

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING- PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF SKY VALLEY, GEORGIA HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M. AT CBC (OLD LODGE) 696 SKY VALLEY WAY

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Gurley, Dan McAfee, Ben Chitwood, Tommy Tebeau and Helen Kleiber

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Lapeyrouse and City Clerk Fast

Call to Order

Chairman Will Gurley called the meeting to order.

Adoption of Agenda

Committee Member McAfee made a motion to adopt the agenda. Committee Member Tebeau seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

- **Tree Ordinance**

Chairman Gurley provided the ground rules for the Public Hearing.

City Manager Lapeyrouse provided the history of the Tree Ordinance.

Chairman Gurley advised the purposed ordinance must be advertised at least 15 days prior to the Public Hearing and new ordinance is a lot clearer, easier to understand then opened up public comment.

The following citizens came before the committee with comments.

Steve Mason – one page summary is needed.

Mike Collins – a drone is needed to do an overview to see the trees and eleven pages of the ordinance is too much.

George Sharon – what Mike said is true, impossible to comply with.

Robert Smalley - cut more trees with this ordinance and you can see more.

Bob Spreacher – asked how many trees are there and we have vacant lots with more than 200 trees.

Mike Copeland – Tree Ordinance needs to be chunked.

Doug Palmer – does the shrubbery less than five foot require a permit?

Susie Piontkowski – what we have seems to work, totally appreciate your hard work and great they way it is.

Reuel Hamilton – topping does not kill trees.

Linda Pickett- topping/crowning, she does not understand crowning definition.

Jim Curtis – crown reduction & struggling with mitigation it needs to be clarified.

Al Piontkowski – does not agree with the ordinance as proposed – very difficult to understand per the people here. It is over reaching responsibility of people, make it clearer.

Susan Cillo – ordinance is not ready to go to council.

Connie Larsen –asked what if council does not approve, what happens.

Myrna Warner – always have had a tree ordinance, in favor of the ordinance.

Chairman Gurley closed the public comment.

Committee Member Kleiber made a motion to postpone recommendation to council for approval. Committee Member Chitwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.