

\*\*\*\*\*FEBRUARY 12, 2001\*\*\*\*\*

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor James H. Althaus  
Vice-Mayor Robert E. Steel, Jr.  
Councilmember Rachel Bryant  
Councilmember Steve Ruffin

Also present:

Town Manager Hershel Dick  
Town Recorder Diana Campbell  
Town Attorney Joe Wagner  
Attorney Phil Noblett  
See list at bottom for additional people

The Mayor called the meeting to order and Councilmember Bryant offered the prayer. The Recorder called the roll.

Vice-Mayor Steel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2001, meeting and the January 25, and January 28, 2001, special called meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously.

The Mayor welcomed the guests including the Boy Scout of America Troop 116 that was attending to work on merit badges for citizenship. The Mayor also welcomed Red Bank High School Principal Wade Kelley and Coach Tom Weathers.

The Mayor read a Proclamation honoring Red Bank High School Coach Tom Weathers and the Red Bank High School Lions Football Team. Councilmember Bryant made a motion for the Town to donate \$250 to the football team for their fundraising efforts for championship rings. The motion was seconded by Steve Ruffin and passed unanimously.

During the citizens' opportunity to address the Council, Bo Patten from Shepherd Forest asked the Council what steps a citizens' group could take to have the Mayor elected directly by the citizens. The Mayor suggested that it would probably call for a citizens' group independent of the Council to study the situation and offer advice. The Mayor and Vice-Mayor both expressed concern that this change might not be advisable. Town Attorney Joe Wagner suggested Mr. Patten get in touch with Mike Tallent who is with the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) of the University of Tennessee.

The Boy Scout of America Troop 116 then honored the Mayor by making him an honorary member of the troop and presented him with a scarf.

Lou Oliphant, Secretary of the Planning Commission, gave a report. She presented the Council with copies of the Planning Commission Annual Report and copies of the minutes of their February 2, 2001, meeting. She noted that at their meeting the Commission approved the 20-20 Growth Plan and made the decision to completely review the Zoning Ordinances. She requested that the Council let the Planning Commission know if there is a specific area of the Zoning Ordinances that the Council would like addressed. A brief discussion followed regarding the 20-20 Growth Plan.

The Mayor made a motion to appoint Councilmember Bryant and private citizen Brendan Olin to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously.

Scott Cook, Town of Signal Mountain Recreation Director, came before the Council to present a projects budget (or list of capital improvements) that the Board would like to have the Town fund in the next budget. Mr. Cook explained that the list is a "wish list" and is not prioritized as to which projects should be undertaken first. A lengthy discussion followed. It was decided that the list should be prioritized and then a work

arranged in the near future. The work session would include Mr. Cook, the Recreation Advisory Board, and the Council with the public invited.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



Recorder

List of those attending the meeting:

Bill Leonard  
Gene Brown  
Bo Patten  
Wade Kelley  
Jean Dolan  
Lou Oliphant  
Pat and Brian Doherty  
Mark McClay  
Scott Cook  
Mike Peck  
John Kinard  
Greg Goodgame  
Matthew Wilson  
David Cox  
Trey McNeill  
Nathan Holmes  
Phyllis Roark  
Doug Fuston  
T. R. Cook, III  
Laure Martin  
Robby Schubert  
Charlie Hagemeyer