

*****JULY 9, 2001*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 9, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor James H. Althaus
Vice-Mayor Robert E. Steel, Jr.
Councilmember Stephen Ruffin

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

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

Vice-Mayor Steel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2001, regular monthly meeting as corrected and the minutes of the June 22, 2001, special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruffin and passed unanimously.

The Mayor introduced and read a Resolution acknowledging appreciation to Bob Anderson for his service to the Town while he was with The Signal Mountain Post.

Messrs. William Woodcock and Antonino Piccolo came before the Council and requested that they be allowed to sell beer for on-site consumption and to be able to charge for "set-up" fees. They stated that they would also like to have a referendum in the next general election in August of 2002. After much discussion and comments from citizens, the Council decided to have Attorney Phil Noblett draft proposed wording for the Ordinance changes required for allowing beer consumption on site and the selling of "set-ups" and then have the wording available for the Council to discuss and vote on at its August meeting.

Lou Oliphant reported to the Council that the Planning Commission had a meeting on July 5, 2001, and the minutes were sent to the Council. Mr. Brendan Olin of the Planning Commission spoke to the Council and noted there were corrections that needed to be made to those July 5 minutes.

The Council discussed the Planning Commission's recommendation to rescind the 1998 abandonment of an alleyway. After much discussion, it was noted that the Planning Commission had recommended to the Council that the Council rescind the 1998 abandonment (Resolution 98-20) of a portion of the alleyway running between houses fronting on Cherokee Lane and Palisades Drive, East. The action would need to be advertised for 15 days before the Council could vote on the action and the Planning Commission had recommended the notice be advertised. It was noted that the Mayor had signed a quitclaim deed to one of the homeowners in May of 2001, but there was a question as to its legality. Attorney Phil Noblett explained that no record of the Town ever having a deed to the property could be found. He explained that if the Town did not have a deed to the property, then the Town could not deed the property to anyone. The Council decided to take up the matter in August, probably at a special meeting, needed to address the tax rate issue.

Lou Oliphant also pointed out that the Planning Commission had denied the request of Mr. Morris (404 Brady Point Road) who wanted to take off 50 feet of his property and sell it to the landowner who owned the land behind his property. She noted that sale would leave his property less than the required 1/2-acre and there was insufficient information on the request for the 50-foot strip.

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The Town Manager informed the Council that Jim Raulston had approached him offering to donate to the town a lot directly behind a house that he owned at 1216 James Boulevard and requested that the Town Manager bring this matter before the Council. Mr. Dick explained there was no way to get to the lot and the Town would not be able to develop a park at the site. The Council agreed to thank Mr. Raulston and politely decline the offer.

Vice-Mayor Steel warned the citizens about charlatan home repair companies taking advantage of homeowners.

The Vice-Mayor also asked the citizens to inform the Police if they become aware of any dangerous or vicious dogs. The Council and citizens discussed the leash laws, and it was noted that the Humane Society is responsible for enforcing the leash laws and the Town pays for the service. The citizens were told they could call the Police to report dogs, cats, or any other animals, and the Police would contact the Humane Society.

The Mayor asked the Town Manager what the Town is paying for CARTA trips that the Town provides for needy individuals. The Manager stated he would check on the charges.

The Mayor noted that some citizens had inquired as to why the Town had permitted the semi-trailers to be parked in the Town. The Town Manager stated that one had been parked at the traffic light on the Tabb property. He explained that the Building Inspector had said that Mr. Tabb has given his permission for the truck to be parked there and the property is zoned commercial, so there was nothing that the Town could do. Vice-Mayor Steel said that because of the ongoing lawsuit with the Tabbs, it would not be advisable to do anything that might appear as hassling the Tabbs.

Joe Wagner, Town Attorney, noted that the Tabbs' side had filed a motion for summary judgment in the case. He informed the Council that he, Phil Noblett, and the insurance company's lawyer Ron Wells would be working on a response and they would probably file a motion for the Town also.

The Town Manager informed the Council that he had heard of a semi-truck parked on Timberlinks Drive, and he would check on that truck to see what could be done since the property in that location was zoned residential.

The Town Manager announced that he will be gone for vacation July 16 through July 20, and Diana Campbell will be filling in for him while he is away.

Town Attorney Joe Wagner informed the Council that he had filed suit on back property taxes for the year 2000 on about 62 citizens of the Town. He stated that some of the people had come forward and paid. He said he would appreciate the people contacting him to make arrangements for him to draw up an order to dismiss the suit and have them pay the tax to the Clerk and Master.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Mayor


Recorder

Others present at the meeting:

**Bill Woodcock
Irby Park
Laure Martin
Pris and Mark Shartle
Ada and Betsy Woodcock
John Houstrup
Lou Oliphant
Jean Dolan
Bob Anderson
Greg Goodgame
Brendan Olin
Antonino Piccolo
Chuck and Joanne Zeiser
Jennifer and Wilcox
Linda McGann
Holland Rainey**

RESOLUTION R-2001-4

BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN COUNCIL and the CITIZENS of the TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE do herewith wish to express their appreciation and an old fashion mountain "thanks" to

BOB L. ANDERSON

For his courageous, erudite, witty, and informative articles and photography while in the service of the SIGNAL MOUNTAIN POST newspaper.

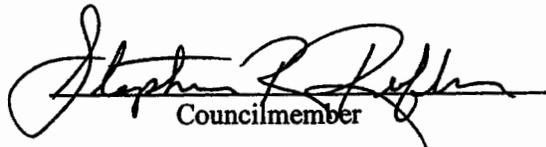
It is with great pleasure that we confer this singular honor upon your worthy brow, and be it known that within the memory of man (or woman!) no such honor has been previously established. Your gracious charm and spirit is being grievously missed and we would be less than honest were we not to suggest that you post haste get back in the saddle!! (Man cannot live by tennis alone.)

The undersigned place their hands this 9th day of July 2001.

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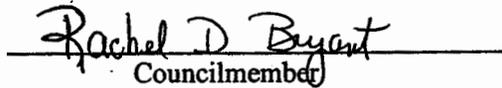
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