

*****December 8, 2003*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor James H Althaus
Vice-Mayor William O. Leonard
Councilmember Stephen Ruffin
Councilmember Robert E. White II

Also present:

Town Manager Hershel Dick
Town Recorder Diana Campbell
Town Attorney Phil Noblett

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

Vice-Mayor Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2003 regular meeting. Councilmember White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The first item before the Council was "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BOBBY PICKRELL TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE." After a brief discussion Councilmember White made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Leonard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next item before the Council was "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A 2004 FEE SCHEDULE FOR SPORTS, RECREATION, LEISURE, AND OTHER TOWN SERVICES FOR THE TOWN." The Mayor explained the non-resident fees and informed the citizens of the previous and proposed fees for each activity. After several questions and further discussion Vice-Mayor Leonard made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next Brian Wright, Partner in the auditing firm of Johnson, Murphey & Wright, P.C. presented the Town's June 30, 2003 annual audit report to the Council. Mr. Wright gave an overview of the report pointing out that the firm had issued an unqualified report with no material errors. He noted that the General Fund had revenues totaling \$4,788,769 and expenditures totaling \$3,543,962 creating an excess or net income \$238,716. He further explained that the Town had a net income for all Funds of \$49,527. He then pointed out the Town had a reserved fund balance of \$551,512 funds for the "high school fund" and a designated fund balance of \$400,000 for a fire substation. The Mayor further explained the purposes for the reserved and designated balances. Then Mr. Wright noted other items of revenue, expenditures and fund balances. He also informed the Council about

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major changes in governmental financial reporting referred to as GASB 34. He noted that the Town had completed transfer of the sewer system for the fiscal year. Finally he noted that the report stated there were no findings to be reported.

Next the Council recognized the work of Glen Showwalter and Stan Crewe for their many hours building the Santa Claus Train that was being displayed at James Park. The Mayor talked about Christmas and various customs. Then he read a Certificate of Appreciation for the two men. Vice Mayor Leonard presented a railroad conductor's hat to Mr. Showwalter and a railroad engineer's hat to Mr. Crew. Councilmember Ruffin thanked them for the many hours of work and asked them how many hours it had taken. Mr. Showwalter said they had spent 40 Fridays working on the project and two days to install it at the park.

The Mayor introduced Jean Trohanis, Principal at Thrasher Elementary School. He explained that she and others had spent a lot of time raising money to build a gym. He noted the bid for the gym was higher than expected. Mrs. Trohanis explained the bid was for \$493,000. She asked if the Town could help with some items. She stated the cost of installing a fire hydrant was \$14,000, the permit would be \$1,500 and the seeding and straw installed would cost \$2,500. The Town Manager stated the Town could install 341 feet of line and the fire hydrant for a total of \$5,341.50; waive the permit; and put in place seed and straw for \$1,500.

The Mayor then asked the Council to authorize the Town Manager to install a fire hydrant and 341 feet of line at the Town's cost of \$5,341.50, to waive the Town's permit fee and install seed and straw in the area. There was then a discussion about the project and raising money to fund it. Councilmember White noted that the golf tournament would be available for a couple of years. Vice Mayor Leonard noted the golf tournament spear headed by Councilmember White had raised \$25,000. The Council then voted unanimously to approve the expenditures.

Lou Oliphant Gave a report on the Planning Commission's December 4, 2003 meeting. She noted that they had approved on plat and worked on possible changes to the zoning ordinance.

The next item before the Council was a request from the Recorder for the Council to approve a drawing of the Town's Seal to be used for printed materials. She explained the seal being used does not look like the Town's Seal in the Council Chamber and it difficult to read the name of the Town. She further explained that Glen Showwalter had volunteer to make a pen and ink drawing at no charge to the Town. Councilmember Ruffin made a motion to approve Glen Showwalter to make a drawing of the Town Seal. Vice Mayor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Councilmember White gave a brief update on the strategic planning process – called Mountain Vision. He noted things were going well and that goals had been completed. He noted that the process might be completed early.

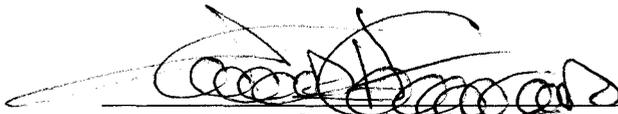
Councilmember Ruffin inquired as to the status of leaf pick-up. The Town Manager explained that leaf pick-up would continue until March 2004.

Vice-Mayor Leonard informed the Council and citizens that on the previous Friday, the Christmas tree lighting was held at the MACC. He said over 300 people attended and the event went well. Next the Vice Mayor talked about the walking bridge in the Shackelford Ridge part that had been vandalized. He encouraged the citizens to take a serious stand against any acts of vandalism.

The Mayor commented on what could be done about the Town's sign ordinance. He explained that a sign committee had been appointed previously. He read a letter to Mike St. Charles that he had written asking Mr. St. Charles as Chairman of the committee to reconvene the sign committee to study signage and an ordinance for the Town.

The Town Manager informed the Council of a bid opening on November 13 for tree cutting in the Town. He noted that there were five bidders with the lowest being \$8,950 and the highest \$20,625. He stated that since the bid was under \$10,000 according to the Town's purchasing policy he had awarded the bid to Chattanooga Tree Service in the amount of \$8,950 and was at that time informing the Council of the award.

The meeting was adjourned



James H. Althaus, Mayor



Diana Campbell, Recorder

Date: December 8, 2003

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Shawn Crand	312 Green Gorge Rd.
2. Brian Wright	800 Glamis
3. Kevin Taylor + Lorey Taylor	4575 W. Ramwood Dr
4. Tripp Strawn	620 TEXAS
5. Jilly Park	105 Mtn. Court
6. Katie McClure	830 Kentucky Ave.
7. Ashley PINKIE	2540 Miller Rd.
8. Lauren Linnacnis	317 Bluff View Ave.
9. Amy Shump	3131 Mtn. Creek Rd.
10. Traci Folk	609 Signal Mtn Blvd
11. Courtney Henle	913 Olsen Ave.
12. Sam Anderson	3629 Umberger Ln.
13. STAN CREWE	41 OLIVER COURT
14. Pris Shurtle + Mark Shurtle	501 James Blvd.
15. Glenn Showalter	513 GA. AVE.
16. Deedee Raulston	Library Board
17. Lou Clephand	Cherokee Lane
18. J Dolan	1004 Ladder
19. Gray Goodgame	1112 Glamis Circle
20. Joe Dumas	1111 James Blvd
21. Susan Showalter	513 Georgia Ave

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- 1. Miss Ford _____
- 2. Miss Handberg _____
- 3. Jan Johansen _____
- 4. HALEY JUNE MURDIS _____
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RESOLUTION NO. R2003-30

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BOBBY PICKRELL TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article X of the Signal Mountain Zoning Ordinance, Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be appointed for three (3) year terms and the term shall be so arranged so that one (1) term shall expire for each year; and

WHEREAS, any vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors may only be filled by Resolution of Chief Legislative Body for the unexpired term of the member affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor and the Town Council that pursuant to Article X of the Signal Mountain Zoning Ordinance the Mayor is hereby authorized to reappoint Bobby Pickrell, 821 Murrell Road , Signal Mountain, Tennessee 37377 for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2006.

Section 2. This resolution shall become operative on the date of passage, the public welfare requiring it.


MAYOR


RECORDER

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RESOLUTION NO. R2003-31

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A 2004 FEE SCHEDULE FOR SPORTS, RECREATION, LEISURE, AND OTHER TOWN SERVICES FOR THE TOWN.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, that the Town Manager is authorized to implement a 2004 Fee Schedule for Sports, Recreation, Leisure, and other Town services for non-resident users of Town services, as follows:

Swimming Pool	\$ 29.00
Tennis Courts	3.00
Ballfields	30.00
Summer Recreation Camps	3.00
Gym	10.00
Mountain Arts Community Center	21.00
Library	49.00
Recycle Center	15.00
Transfer Station	<u>59.00</u>
*Total shall not exceed	\$ 219.00

*Non-resident users may pay any of these fees individually for selected services or multiple services in an amount established by this fee schedule. Total fees for all these services by non-resident users shall not exceed \$219.00 during calendar year 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall be permitted to prorate the Library fee quarterly for any non-resident users based upon the quarter of the year for which library services are requested. Non-resident fees for library services shall be \$49.00, if requested between January 1 – March 31, 2004; \$36.50, if requested between April 1 – June 30, 2004; \$24.50, if requested between July 1 – September 30, 2004; and \$12.25, if requested between October 1 – December 31, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Manager shall be permitted to waive non-resident fees for non-resident users attending classes at Mountain Arts Community Center provided that class fees are paid in accordance with class fee schedules approved by the Town Manager.


MAYOR


RECORDER

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