

*****AUGUST 31, 2004*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called meeting on Tuesday August 31, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor James H Althaus
Vice Mayor Bill Leonard
Councilmember Robert White
Councilmember Steve Ruffin

Also present:

Town Manager Hershel Dick
Town Recorder Diana Campbell
Town Attorney Phil Noblett
See list attached for additional people

The Mayor called the meeting to order and the Recorder called the roll. It was noted that Councilmember Bryant had a conflict and was not able to attend.

The first item the Council addressed was the ordinance for first reading, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2004-3, ENTITLED THE 'FY 2004-2005 BUDGET ORDINANCE' SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CHANGED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES; INCLUDING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$40,000.00 FROM FEDERAL GRANTS PROVIDED TO THE TOWN FOR WORK ON TRAILS, AND THE ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE FUND BALANCE TO BE CREDITED AGAINST \$50,000.00 FOR EXPENDITURES IN RECREATION OTHER; TO AMEND AND ADD ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF \$20,200.00 FROM BUSINESS TAX PROCEEDS IN 2004-2005, FOR A TOTAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 TO BE CREDITED AGAINST ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES OF \$14,000.00 IN BUSINESS TAX PAID TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, FOR A NET REVENUE TO THE FUND BALANCE OF \$6,200.00; TO AMEND THE ELECTION BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR 2004-2005 TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$4,500.00 EXPENDITURE FOR THE NOVEMBER, 2004 ELECTIONS FROM THE FUND BALANCE; TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 FROM GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED BY TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL TO APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE 2003-2004 BUDGET; TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 FOR THE LAND PURCHASE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION ON SHACKLEFORD RIDGE PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE 2003-2004 BUDGET; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM

THE STATE STREET AID FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$416,527.00 FOR PAVING AS PREVIOUSLY INDCLUDED IN THE AMENDED FY 2003-2004 TOWN BUDGET." The Town Attorney briefly explained the ordinance pointing out Section 3 that stated the net effect of all the changes would be taking only \$8,300 from the fund balance. Councilmember Ruffin made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Vice Mayor Leonard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next the Council was presented the resolution, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL 'SAFETY PARTNERS' LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN OCTOBER OF 2004." Phil Noblett briefly explained that the grant of \$2,000 would be awarded for purchasing \$4,000 of safety equipment in the police department that was already budgeted. Councilmember Ruffin made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor then stated there was given to each Councilmember for their review a draft of an interlocal agreement between the Town of Signal Mountain, the Town of Walden and Hamilton County. The agreement related to the building of a high school and would have to be presented to the Town of Walden and Hamilton County for discussion. Phil requested that each Councilmember contact Hershel by the following week with any changes they may suggest.

Next the Mayor said the Council had the pleasant task of naming the park behind the golf club. He noted that in his opinion there were few opportunities to name locations after people who have served the Town well. He said all the athletic fields and recreations parks had been named after people. He said one person that came to mind was Joe Wagner but the Town already had an athletic field named after him. Councilmember White said that he had talked to several people and had suggested a name of a person that was received favorably. He said he thought the Council should consider a person as well as the names suggested on the list.

Brandi Buntain then informed the Council that the Playground Committee had put suggestion boxes around the Town and then she had tabulated the suggestions and listed the names that received the most votes. She said the names in alphabetical order were the Bear Park, the Fellowship Park, the Mountain Top Play Park, the Old Pool Park, the Signal Mountain Community Park and the New Old Playground. She stated the names were not the recommendation of the Committee but just the names that had received the most votes. The Mayor talked about not being able to use the name Bear Park since the bear couldn't be used in its current state because it would be too dangerous to children. Brandi Buntain stated that there were suggestions of people's names including Richard and Wendy Casavant, Russell Eddings Park, Barbara McCoy Park, Althaus Park, Phil Johnson Park, and Phillip Tabb Park.

The Mayor then suggested naming the park the James Ballard Park noting that Mr. Ballard had served on the Commission for a long time and had donated the land for the Library. Phil Johnson said that he didn't think it was a good idea to name the park after a person because after 50 years and someone visits the park they would see the sign with

the name of the person but they wouldn't know who the person was. Councilmember Ruffin said they should know who the person is if that person had given that much time to the Town. Then the Councilmember went on to say that being on the Council is a lot of work, the Councilmembers don't get paid and they take a lot of abuse. He said Mayor Althaus had served for 12 years with the last 10 years as Mayor. He stated that the park should be name in honor of Mayor Althaus.

Councilmember White said it was awkward to talk in front of the Mayor but he stated he had mentioned the name Althaus Park to several people and they all agreed that it would be a good name. He said the Mayor spends a tremendous amount of time for the Town and is very dedicated. He said the Mayor had done more for children than anyone.

Vice-Mayor then noted the Mayor had insisted during the budget time that the money be spent on the park. He stated that the Town had spent some quarter of a million dollars in the park. He said if the Town was going to name the park after someone then, there was no better person to name it after but he said he wanted to hear from the Committee.

Brandi Buntain said she couldn't speak for everyone on the Committee but when they started they always had the opinion that it would be a community park and they wanted the name to be something that would give the feel of a community project and that was why the asked for names from the community.

Vice Mayor Leonard said he was strong on naming the park after Mayor Althaus. He noted the Mayor was the driving force behind the park and spending the money. He said he had been to the park and seen how good the park was and how much it was used but also more work needed to be done. He said he had talked to Councilmember Bryant about the name and she wasn't against any person but felt it would be better not to name the park after a person. He asked the Committee what was there response.

Ms Buntain said the Council should just name the park at that meeting and not wait three months. She said the Town needed to get on with completing the park. In response to a request from the Vice Mayor as to what the Committee wanted she said they wanted the bathrooms fixed, the Lions Club building taken out and to have something done about the teenagers monopolizing the playground. She said they needed more money for trees and a fence.

Next Vice Mayor Leonard made a motion to name the park the Althaus Park he said based on the conversation just taken place with the Committee. Councilmember Ruffin seconded the motion. The Council then voted for the motion with three votes in favor and the Mayor abstaining.

The Mayor then talked about the swimming pool the golf club was proposing to build in the parking lot. He stated the Town would work through any problems. He then said the second thing he wanted to talk about was the bear. He explained the bear had edges that were too sharp to place the bear at the park at that time. There was discussion as to what to be done about the bear and it was decided to ask the Black Moore to smooth the edges. The Mayor then said the final thing he wanted to discuss was the naming of the street. He said he thought it would be better to require the golf club to put the street address 809

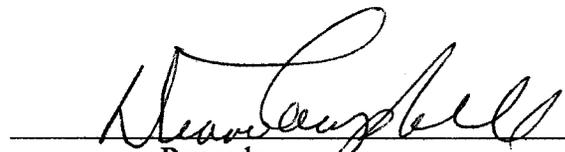
James Boulevard on the pillars rather than name the street. Debra Blake asked if the name of the park could be placed at James Boulevard. It was agreed that it could. The Mayor stated the decision on a street name could be made later.

There was further discussion about the plans for the dedication ceremony to take place on Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned.



JIM ALTHAUS, Mayor



Recorder

List of additional people in attendance:

Brandi Buntain
Deborah Blake
Joe Dumas

RESOLUTION NO. R2004-29

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN OCTOBER OF 2004.

WHEREAS, the safety and well being of the employees of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a safe and hazard-free workplace for the Town of Signal Mountain employees; and

WHEREAS, the TML Risk Management Pool seeks to encourage the establishment of a safe workplace by offering a "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee seeks to participate in this important program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee is hereby authorized to submit application for a "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant through the TML Risk Management Pool which shall be awarded in October of 2004.

SECTION 2. That the Town Manager is further authorized to provide a matching sum to serve as a match for any monies provided by TML Risk Management Pool to assist in providing a safe and hazard free workplace through this grant for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.



MAYOR



RECORDER

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