

\*\*\*\*\*February 9, 2004\*\*\*\*\*

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2004, 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 Rachel Bryant  
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. Boy Scout Tom Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Councilmember White offered the prayer. The Recorder called the roll.

Upon the Mayor's request for any corrections to the minutes of the January 12, 2004, meeting, Councilmember White requested that the paragraph discussing the resolution appointing two new members to the Recreation Advisory Board state that the two new members were Gene Ezell and Don Close. Then Councilmember White made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2004, regular meeting with the corrections. Vice-Mayor Leonard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented a certificate of appreciation to K9 Police Officer Greg Hill for 12 years of service to the Town with the drug dog Wolf and a certificate of appreciation to Wolf for 12 years of service. Officer Hill spoke briefly about his years of service with Wolf since he had received the dog from the Georgia Highway Patrol when he was 1 year old. He said it had been an honor to serve the Town and had been one of the most rewarding things for him. The Mayor stated that the Town was officially giving Wolf to Officer Hill.

The Mayor then recognized Boy Scout Troop 116 and their Scout Leader Don Close.

The first resolution before the Council was "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO WASTE SERVICES OF TN, LLC IN AN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT-ONE AND 00/100 (\$130,481.00) DOLLARS AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE FOR THE TOWN, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2004, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2007." After a brief discussion Councilmember Ruffin made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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The next resolution was “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NAFECO IN AN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 00/100 (\$71,498.00) DOLLARS AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR AIR PACKS AND COMPRESSOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN.” Public Safety Director Larry Eddings explained that the current equipment was over 10 years old and regulations had changed. He further explained that the Fire Department had applied for a FEMA grant and been awarded a grant of \$72,000. The grant award was for 90% of the total expenditure. Councilmember Ruffin made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Leonard seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The next item before the Council was the ordinance “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-102 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE” for first reading. Attorney Noblett explained that the Town had established in 1973 an ordinance setting the Town’s auditors limit to 3 years and in 1985 amended the ordinance to say there is a four-year limit and the auditor must reside in the Town. Mr. Noblett explained that the ordinance before the Council would change the selection process. There was a brief discussion on the matter including information from the Recorder explaining the new Government Accounting Standards Board rules for the additional financial statements that towns were being required to prepare. Vice-Mayor Leonard made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The Mayor seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

During the opportunity for citizens to address the Council, Pris Shartle requested that the Council meeting agendas be e-mailed to her. The Town Manager said the Town would send her copies. Mark Eyssen of 308 Rolling Way stated he had a problem with drainage and asked if the Town would look into it. The Town Manager said he would check in to the matter. Frank O’Leary inquired about the new fire hall that had been discussed for Shackleford Road. He thought a portion of the property that the Town was in the process of purchasing was on his property. The Town Attorney was going to review the information presented by Mr. O’Leary.

Lou Oliphant gave a report on the Planning Commission’s February 5, 2004, meeting. She stated that they had reviewed the Charles H. Lay, Jr. subdivision that is the location of the new CVS drug store and had approved the plans with a list of requirements that must be met.

Next Councilmember Bryant talked about the Playground Committee explaining that since she got involved the previous summer they had worked many hours to propose two playground areas behind the golf club. She explained there would be an area for the 2-5 year olds and another area for the 5-12 years old. She stated that they had looked at the equipment item by item. She also noted that she had talked extensively to the sales

reps about the specific equipment. She stated that after all the study the Playground Committee was recommending the Council approve the middle bid to Game Time. She stated that she felt that Miracle's playground equipment for age 5-12 years old was not appropriate for older children. She also stated that Game Time drilled the holes for putting the equipment together at the factory at the right height. The Mayor thanked Councilmember Bryant for all the time she and the Committee had put into the project. The Mayor then explained that if the Town did not take the lowest bid, then the project needed to be put out for bid again. There was a lengthy discussion on the bids including comments from the Town Attorney regarding the law on the bidding process and whether there was enough justification for approving a bid of \$6,000 more than the lowest bid. Vice-Mayor Leonard stated that he would feel more comfortable for the Committee to go over the differences point by point with the Town Attorney and have him render an opinion on the matter. There was some additional discussion including the Town Manager suggesting that an expert on playground equipment be used to help evaluate the equipment. The Mayor then stated that the Chair was ruling to take the Vice-Mayor's suggestion to defer the vote and get the Town Attorney a playground engineer to review the matter and render an opinion.

Next Scott Cook informed the Council that the pool had been removed and thanked Art Parry, the Town Engineer, for his work on the project.

During the Council's opportunity to present new business, Councilmember White thanked Councilmember Bryant for her work on the Playground Committee. He noted that the following day would be a vote on the countywide ½ cent sales tax and if it passed it could open up an opportunity for a high school on the mountain. He informed the Council and citizens that Mountain Vision, the strategic planning process, had started in September and finished a week ahead of schedule. He stated that it would be a guideline to go by and would like to present it at the next meeting.

Councilmember Bryant informed the Council and citizens that the bid to rehabilitate the tennis courts behind the golf club was out and would be in on February 19<sup>th</sup>. She also noted there were two dogs loose on Timberlinks Road and water was pooling on Middle Creek Road.

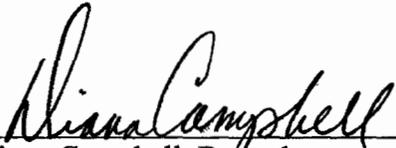
Vice Mayor Leonard thanked Councilmember White for leading the strategic planning and all the facilitators for their outstanding efforts.

Mayor Althaus gave the citizens a quick update on six months financial statements announcing that the Town was doing well. He informed the citizens that Friends of the High School had said that if the citizens of the mountain raised 10 million dollars then

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Mayor Ramsey of Hamilton County would build a high school on the mountain. He explained the 10 million would be paid by the Town of Signal Mountain and by the Town of Walden and there was ongoing discussion about how to split the total. He stated that Signal Mountain would probably have to raise taxes by 18% to pay for the additional amount. He stated that he would not recommend the tax increase unless the people spoke. He noted that the Town Attorney had stated that it would be unlawful to have a referendum. He said that the Friends of the High School were going to get a petition out to see if the citizens would sign to have their taxes raised for a high school.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Diana Campbell, Recorder

  
James H. Althaus, Mayor

Date: February 9, 2004

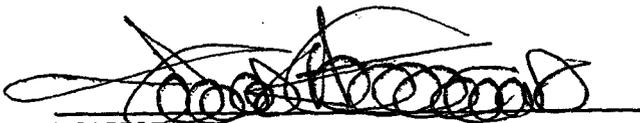
NAME	ADDRESS
1. Frank O'Leary	3023 Pickett Rd.
2. Don Close	8 Shoal Creek Falls Rd.
3. Doug & Nathan Kernal	Dayton
4. ROBERT BARRON	3118 PINTAIL LN
5. Amanda Mornsen	3001 Edward Pt. Rd.
6. PETER LAVETTA	702 LANCASTER DR.
7. Eric Callaway	604 Texas Avenue
8. MARK AND PHIL SHARTE	501 JAMES BLVD
9. San David Cuy	104 S. Palisades
10. Stephen Curry	-
11. Coughlin Cooper	918 James Blvd.
12. Sham Crawford	312 Green Gorge Rd
13. Ron Odphart	Cherokee Lane
14. Izly Park	105 Mtn. Court
15. Jason Orr	129 Arrow Dr.
16. MATT HILKE	18 MTN ORCHARD PATH
17. Courtney Armstrong	111 Arrow Dr
18. Dr. Paul Miller	100 James Blvd S/5201
19. Greg Goodgame	1112 Glamis Circle
20. Joe Dumas	1111 James Blvd.
21. Linda McGann	601 James Blvd

RESOLUTION NO. R2004-7

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO WASTE SERVICES OF TN, LLC IN AN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND 00/100 (\$130,481.00) DOLLARS AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE FOR THE TOWN, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2004, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2007.

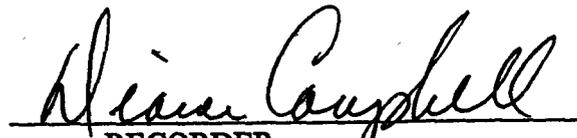
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that the Town Manager to is authorized to award a contract to Waste Services of TN, LLC in the amount of \$130,481.00 as the lowest and best bid for the hauling and disposal of waste for the Town, for a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2004, and ending March 31, 2007.

  
MAYOR

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RECORDER

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RESOLUTION NO. R2004-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NAFECO IN AN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 00/100 (\$71,498.00) DOLLARS AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR AIR PACKS AND COMPRESSOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that the Town Manager to is authorized to award a contract to NAFECO in the amount of \$71,498.00 as the lowest and best bid for Air Packs and Compressor for the Fire Department for the Town.

  
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