

*****May 22, 2004*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called budget overview meeting on Saturday May 22, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Also present:

Town Manager Hershel Dick
Town Recorder Diana Campbell

The meeting began with the Council discussing the Fire Department budget with Captain Jim Frazey.

Next the Council reviewed the Police Department budget and the Drug Fund budget with Captain Boyd Veal. The Council discussed changing the expenditures in the Drug Fund from \$5,000 to \$15,000

Next the Council met with Bill Wagner and discussed the Building Inspection Department budget and the Recycle Department budget.

The Council then met with Bill Wagner and Art Parry and discussed the Stormwater Department budget.

Art Parry next answered questions and discussed with the Council the Street Department budget, the State Street Aid Fund budget, and the Sanitation Fund budget.

Next the Council met with Connie Pierce to review the Library budget.

The Council then met with Scott Cook, Recreation Director. Since the meetings were running behind, the group discussed the Recreation Department budget (except the Recreation Maintenance budget) during lunch. The Council discussed adding \$50,000 to the budget to convert Hedges Field from a soccer field to a baseball field.

The next department head to meet with the Council was William Sanders. He discussed with the Council the budget for Recreation, Parks and Building Maintenance Department and the Water Department.

Next Hershel Dick, the Town Manager presented the budget for the Mountain Arts Community Center since Karen Shropshire, the Director was in China on vacation.

The final budgets to be discussed were Finance Administration Department, Judicial Department, and the Debt Service Fund. These were discussed with Diana Campbell, the

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Recorder. The Council discussed reducing the operating transfer from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund by \$50,000.

The final item was a brief discussion regarding the Town Attorney's contract. The Council decided to make no changes for the upcoming budget.

The Council discussed the time for having a public hearing and voting on a budget ordinance. The public hearing and first reading of the budget ordinance would be the regular monthly meeting on June 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.. The second and final reading would be on Friday, June 18, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.


James H. Althaus, Mayor
Diana Campbell, Town Recorder