

*****APRIL 28, 2005*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called work session meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor William O. Leonard, III
 Vice-Mayor Stephen Ruffin
 Councilmember Lizetta Paturalski
 Councilmember Robert V. Linehart, Jr.
 Councilmember Robert E. White II

Also present:

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

The Mayor opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the work session. He said the Council doesn't plan to have votes at the work sessions but instead the work sessions are for the Council to hear and discuss issues. He explained they were more of a fact-finding meeting or gathering of information.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether the Council should take action on items at the work sessions. The Town Attorney in response to the question as to whether the resolutions could be postponed until the regular meeting, stated that the meeting was a published meeting to conduct public business, therefore the Council could vote on issues, but if they wanted to postpone them they would need a motion to table the issues. The former mayor, Jim Althaus, stated that in the past the work sessions were more for information and very helpful. The Mayor stated that he was not comfortable setting a precedent with taking action at a work session. Vice-Mayor Ruffin agreed.

The Mayor made a motion to table the resolution, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO AUDIT TOWN ACCOUNTS FROM JULY 1, 2004, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005, WITH JOHNSON, MURPHEY & WRIGHT, P.C. AND TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES PERFORMED ON TOWN ACCOUNTS FOR THAT TIME PERIOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,450.00." Councilmember Linehart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second resolution on the agenda was "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF WALDEN AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE BASEBALL FIELDS ADJACENT TO NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON SHACKLEFORD RIDGE ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS." Councilmember Paturalski asked

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Mr. Ron Priddy, Director of the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, if there was a rush to get the money. He explained that the County had just let contracts for bleachers and lights for two fields. He explained that while they were working on the bleachers and lights would be an appropriate time to do the other work to keep from tearing up the contractors' work on the bleachers and lights. He also noted that steel prices were going up. The Mayor asked if the County had counted on Signal Mountain contributing when they were laying out their plans. Scott Schoolfield, Administrator of the Hamilton County Human Services Department, said yes they were. He explained there was a master plan organized by TWH and that they had contracted with Mountain Rec. Inc. to handle the maintenance. He said the County did not maintain any of the recreation fields that they had built. He said when they finish with the two ball fields, they would be counting on Mountain Rec to maintain the fields.

Jim Althaus, former mayor, stated that he and the Town Manager had met one year previous with the County officials to discuss the plans for the ball fields. He said he had asked them at that time how much would it cost Signal Mountain, and he was told that it wasn't going to cost the Town anything.

John Clark, president of Mountain Rec, Inc. said that Terry McElveen, who was on the Recreation Advisory Board, was the person behind the suggestion to take the \$50,000 that was budgeted by the Town to be spent on Hedges Field and to spend it instead on the two softball fields at Shackleford Ridge Park.

Councilmember Linehart asked Mr. Priddy and Mr. Schoolfield if anything had been done to date. Mr. Priddy responded that nothing had been done to date. He explained that the two contractors would install bleachers and lights. Mr. Schoolfield stated that they had asked Walden to contribute \$25,000 and with the \$75,000 they would install fencing, roof on dugouts, irrigation, infield mix and sod on two fields. He further explained the items were originally in the grant but because the State didn't award a grant one year, they didn't have enough money to include the items.

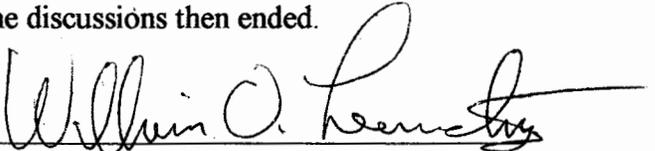
The Town Attorney brought up the issue of getting an interlocal agreement to insure that the citizens of the Town of Signal Mountain would be able to use the fields. John Clark stated that Mountain Rec had a contract that listed who had priority on the fields. He stated that Mountain Rec, Inc. received \$10,000 from Signal Mountain, \$3,000 from Walden and \$5,000 from Hamilton County for maintenance on the fields. In response to whether they could maintain two more fields he estimated that they might need \$3,000 more. In response to the Town Attorney's concern for an agreement, John Clark and Doug Dooley stated that they would get a copy of the agreement between the County and Mountain Rec, Inc. for the Town Attorney to review. The Council decided to have the Town Attorney review the contract and determine if he felt an interlocal agreement would be needed and to try to be able to vote on the issue at the next Council meeting.

On other issues Councilmember Linehart asked if the starting date for members of the Town's boards could be included on the Website. He said that he was volunteering to take pictures of all the Town's facilities to include on the website.

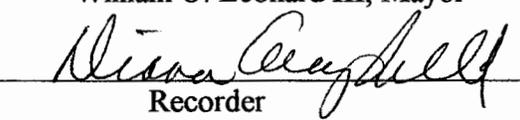
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Councilmember Linehart then informed the Council that he had not had any luck in dealing with the State's Adopt A Highway Program. He explained the State still had not changed their rules to accept contributions for highway improvement to be done by professional landscaping companies.

There being no other items before the Council, the discussions then ended.



William O. Leonard III, Mayor



Recorder

Date: APRIL 28, 2005

NAME	ADDRESS
1. James H. Althaus	
2. Ron Priddy	Hamilton County
3. Scott Schoolfield	Hamilton County
4. John Clark	
5. Mark Fenster	
6. Harry Cash	
7. Doug Dooley	
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