

\*\*\*\*\*FEBRUARY 14, 2005\*\*\*\*\*

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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 Vice-Mayor called the meeting to order and a member of the scout troop from the Methodist Church led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Vice-Mayor offered the prayer. The Recorder called the roll.

Councilmember Linehart moved that the minutes of the January 10, 2005, regular meeting and the January 27, 2005, special called work session be approved. There was one correction to the January 27 minutes. The Vice-Mayor read the correction. The minutes were explaining a statement made by Councilmember Linehart regarding the State's Adopt-a-Highway Program. The original minutes had stated "... companies could not donate the money or hire contractors." The minutes were amended to state "... companies could not donate the money to hire contractors." Councilmember Linehart made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember White and passed unanimously.

The Council considered an ordinance for second reading, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, SECTION 15-401 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE RELATIVE TO SPEED LIMITS IN UNPOSTED LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE." The Town Attorney explained that the commercial section limits were from Shoal Creek Falls Road to Eberfield Road. He noted that the paper had originally stated the area was from Shoal Creek Road to Eberfield Road. Councilmember Paturalski explained that the Mayor had made an informal analysis of the area and determined that there were 24 to 25 entrances in the ½-mile stretch and the differences in speed added only about 12 seconds to the drive. Councilmember White noted that the misnaming of the beginning road had caused some concern among the citizens. Citizen Diane Gallagher asked why the reduced speed area did not include the area where the swimming pool is located. Councilmember Linehart noted that the Council had discussed setting the limit to begin at Rolling Way. Councilmember Paturalski added that the area included was the area recommended by the Police Captain. Councilmember Linehart suggested that Mrs. Gallagher should get

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other citizens together and come back to the Council to request a change. Citizen Mary Nell Moreland asked if the Town could have additional traffic lights. The Town Attorney explained that traffic engineers have to study the traffic to determine if additional traffic signals are warranted. After the brief discussion, Councilmember Linehart made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. Councilmember Paturalski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item before the Council was "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SELL TEN (10) SHARES OF MET LIFE STOCK AND DEPOSIT SAID FUNDS INTO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND." The Town Recorder explained that the shares were awarded to the Town when Met Life became a public corporation because the Town had previously had insurance with the company. She noted that the Met Life company turned the stock over to the State of Tennessee and it was listed in the unclaimed property listings. She stated the Town had accomplished all the steps to prove ownership and now had received the shares of stock. Councilmember Paturalski made a motion to approve the sale of the stock. Councilmember White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next Jeff Duncan, with the Town of Signal Mountain Park Board, made an announcement that the Town's website would have a link to Dr. Mike Whittle's website at UTC for a map of the trails in the Town. Dr. Whittle who holds a Chair of Excellence at UTC has gone through the trails in the Town with a GPS unit and prepared a map of the trails. The link would go to that map.

Councilmember White talked about the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service's (MTAS) Elected Officials Academy. He said he and Councilmember Paturalski had just returned from the Academy. He also noted that Councilmember Linehart had recently attended. He thanked Mayor Leonard for attending and recommending the other Councilmembers attend. He said it was very beneficial for new people and would help them do a better job.

Councilmember Paturalski stated that she had learned a lot and felt fortunate to be a Councilmember in the Town of Signal Mountain with its residents, system and topography.

Councilmember Linehart said he had talked to the Director of the Highway Beautification Program at the State of Tennessee. He noted that when he was running for office the road coming up the mountain was brought to his attention that it looks awful with litter etc. and that something should be done. He stated that a couple of people had offered to donate money to hire contractors. People could donate money or they could do the work themselves. He said the Director indicated that the rules would be changing soon and people would be able to donate to hire contractors.

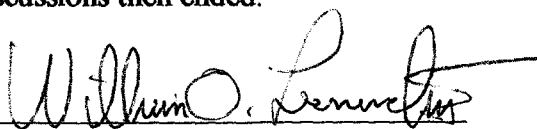
Councilmember Linehart talked about the letter he received from Dr. Jeff Duncan about Signal Mountain trails. He read an excerpt from the letter "... the Parks Board is

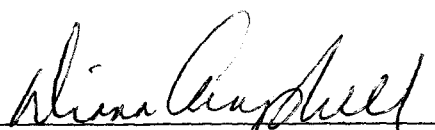
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currently drafting a comprehensive management plan for all of the community resources under its purview. The plan will include various elements such as an inventory of existing park and trail resources, an inventory of planned or proposed trails and trail extensions as well as an assessment of other critical resources, ...and it will propose management practices, rules and regulations for each resource area.” Councilmember Linehart said the plan would be ready in two or three months. Dr. Duncan elaborated on the outline and procedure for the plan. He explained the plan would not be completed until the end of the year.

Vice-Mayor Ruffin said the reason he was conducting the Council meeting was that the Mayor was on vacation. He informed the citizens that the meeting was the last for Kim Starks the Chattanooga Times/News Free Press reporter. He said she was moving to Atlanta and he thanked her for her work reporting on the Town.

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

  
William O. Leonard III, Mayor

  
Diana Campbell, Town Recorder

Date: February 14, 2005

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Matthew Smith	821 Kentucky Ave
2. MITCH THUTMEAR	168 School Hse rd. 37377
3. Jason Nolan	004 Ladder
4. Deedee Baulston	Library Board
5. Diane & Bill Gallagher	601 S. Palisades Dr.
6. JEFF DUNCAN	428 TIMBERWICKS DR
7. Mary Nellie Merland	1100 Crown Pt. Rd. W
8. Joe Dumas	1111 James Blvd.
9. Nicole Mendenhall	3604 Gentry St. Dr.
10. Gray Godegane	1112 Glamour Circle
11. DANIEL Lamsey	1 Highdown Ct
12. LAURA DUNCAN (Teach)	428 Timberwicks Dr.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2005-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, SECTION 15-401 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE RELATIVE TO SPEED LIMITS IN UNPOSTED LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION 1. That chapter 4, Section 15-401, of the Signal Mountain Town Code be amended to delete the language in said section in its entirety and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

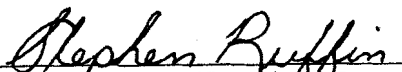
**15-401. In general.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street within the Town at a rate of speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, except in those locations where official signs have been posted by the Town Manager designating other speed limits which shall apply as follows:

- a) Ridgeway Avenue/Taft Highway throughout the Town shall have a posted speed of 40 miles per hour except in the commercial area from Shoal Creek Falls Road west to Elberfield Road.
- b) Ridgeway Avenue/Taft Highway commercial area from Ault Road west to Elberfield Road shall have a speed limit of 30 miles per hour.
- c) James Boulevard, Timberlinks Drive, Shoal Creek Road, and Shackelford Ridge Road throughout the Town shall have a posted speed of 30 miles per hour.
- d) All school zones within the Town shall remain their posted speed limits of 15 miles per hour.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after Final passage on Second Reading as provided by the Town Charter.

Passed First Reading January 10, 2005

Passed Second Reading February 14, 2005

  
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Stephen Ruffin, Vice Mayor

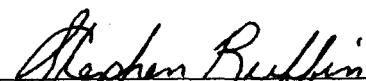
  
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Diana Campbell, Town Recorder


RESOLUTION NO. R2005-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SELL TEN (10) SHARES OF MET LIFE STOCK AND DEPOSIT SAID FUNDS INTO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that the Town Manager is authorized to sell ten (10) shares of Met Life stock which was recovered from the State of Tennessee unclaimed property program and deposit the funds from such sale into the Town's General Fund.

  
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Stephen Ruffin, Vice Mayor

  
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Diana Campbell, Recorder

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