

*****JANUARY 27, 2005*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called meeting/work session on Thursday, January 27 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor William O. Leonard, III
 Councilmember Robert V. Linehart, Jr.
 Councilmember Lizetta Paturalski
 Councilmember Robert White, II

Also present were: Town Manager Hershel Dick
 Town Recorder Diana Campbell
 Town Attorney Phil Noblett

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The first item the Council addressed was the 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 Council discussed whether the Council should vote on the ordinance since there were no citizens present to voice their concern about the change in speed limit in the commercial area from 40 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour on Ridgeway Avenue/Taft Highway from Shoal Creek Falls Road to Eberfield Road. Councilmember Paturalski made a motion to delay action on the second reading of the ordinance until the regular monthly meeting in February. Councilmember Linehart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Leonard informed the Council of conversations that he had with the Tennessee Department of Transportation personnel Mr. Bob Brown and Mr. Ray Rucker regarding the condition of the highway going down the mountain and what work may be done to the road.

Councilmember Linehart gave the Council an update on the Adopt a Highway Program. He talked about the two companies that had wanted to donate money to the program and explained that under the present rules of the program that the companies could not donate the money to hire contractors. He said the program participation was limited to people actually doing the work. The rules, however, were expected to change soon and he would keep the Council informed.

Councilmember Linehart talked about the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service's (MTAS) Elected Officials Academy that he had attended the previous weekend. He said the classes were informative and talking with official from other Town was very helpful.

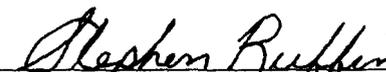
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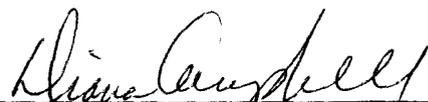
The Town Manager informed the Council that Mike Tallant with Rex Barton and Ray Crouch from MTAS would have a report on the Police and Fire by February 15. He also stated that MTAS would do a study on the Public Works and Public Utilities Departments after that.

Next the Council briefly reviewed the law in Tennessee on annexation following the changes since 1998. The Town Recorder provided a report of the information gathered by the Town from September 2003 through March of 2004 on the areas within the Urban Growth Boundary adopted by the Town where annexations could be considered. The report contained a list of the potential tax revenue for the nine possible areas of annexation for consideration by the Town Council. The Town Attorney provided answers to Councilmembers on the specific requirements for any quo warranto action questioning annexation action. The Town Attorney further provided specific answers to Councilmembers regarding timing requirements for annexation and payment of taxes under the current annexation laws. The Town Attorney reviewed the legal history of Urban Growth in Hamilton County and discussed the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement signed by all Hamilton County municipalities in 2001 that provided a moratorium on involuntary residential annexations until March 21, 2006. The Town Attorney further discussed the requirements for providing plans of service and fulfilling services to residents under the current annexation law.

The Council unanimously agreed to set another Town Council work session on February 24, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.


Stephen Ruffin Vice Mayor


Diana Campbell, Town Recorder

List of additional people in attendance:

None