

*****MAY 9, 2005*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 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 F. Linehart, Jr.
 Councilmember Robert E. White, II

Also present were: Town Manager Hershel Dick
 Town Recorder Diana Campbell
 Town Attorney Phil Noblett
 See attached list for others present

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Vice Mayor Ruffin offered the prayer and the Recorder called the roll.

The Council then considered the minutes of the April 11, 2005, regular scheduled meeting and the April 28th special called meeting. Vice-Mayor Ruffin stated that one correction should be made to the minutes of the April 28th meeting, he and Councilmember White should be added to the list of people attending the meeting. The Vice-Mayor made a motion to approve the minutes with the one correction. Councilmember Paturalski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next the Mayor turned the meeting over to Councilmember Linehart. The Councilmember explained that the Council had decided to invite Hamilton County Board of Education Chairman, Chip Baker, and Hamilton County Commissioner, Richard Casavant, to the meeting to update and inform the Council and citizens on education issues for Signal Mountain. Councilmember Linehart then turned the meeting over to Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker said they had discussed the meeting and decided to give a brief overview and then open the meeting to questions. He then noted that the Friends of Signal Mountain High School first started in 1959 and has been working ever since. He talked about the prior year with the education summit meetings initiated by Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey and the disappointment in not getting the tax increase to fund education. He said the current year the Board of Education went through a five-month budget process and will close two schools. He talked about the achievements of the schools.

Dr. Casavant spoke briefly. He thanked the residents of Signal Mountain for deciding to step forward and tax themselves to get a high school built. He said the School Board had determined that Signal Mountain would have a school but the Hamilton County Commissioners would not approve a tax increase. He talked about the good things going on in the region such as Enterprise South.

Page 2 – Minutes of the May 9, 2005, Council Meeting

Next the meeting was opened to questions from the citizens. Mr. Baker and Dr. Casavant answered questions from the audience primarily on the issue of a high school on the mountain. After about an hour Councilmember Linehart concluded the questions on education. The Mayor gave the citizens an opportunity to leave after the conclusion of the education issues.

Next the Council considered "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 \$12,250.00. The Town Attorney briefly explained the resolution. Vice Mayor Ruffin made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Paturalski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next the Council considered "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF \$50,000.00 TO MOUNTAIN RECREATION, INC., TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, LIGHTING, AND FENCING OF TWO BASEBALL FIELDS WITHIN SHACKLEFORD RIDGE PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS. The Town attorney explained a request had been made for money to be contributed to Shackleford Park. He talked about ways to convey the money for ballfields. He noted that Mountain Rec. Inc. is a 501C3 corporation and they have a contract with Hamilton County for maintenance and the money could be donated to them. He also said an interlocal agreement could be entered into with Hamilton County and the money could be given directly to them.

Vice Mayor Ruffin asked the Recorder how much the Town would be dipping into reserves in the budget under consideration. The Recorder stated about \$79,000 from the General Fund. The Vice Mayor stated that when the Council last increased property taxes, they planned to raise taxes in 2006. He said that taxes would need to be raised then or annexation may bring in additional money.

The Mayor noted that Mountain Rec Inc. was a separate entity set up to maintain the ballfields. The Town Attorney said he had just received a copy of a contract between Hamilton County and Mountain Rec Inc. to perform maintenance and get some of the concessions.

Councilmember Linehart noted that a budget is a proposal. He stated the Council in 2001 that planned a tax increase in 2006 could not encumber a future Council.

Dr. Casavant explained that the Urban Growth Plan agreement stated the County would pay a certain amount for maintenance. Councilmember White said there was no place for kids to play practice games before games come up. He said former Councilmember

Page 3 – Minutes of the May 9, 2005, Council Meeting

Rachel Bryant wanted to put \$50,000 in the budget for ball fields. He said the opportunity at Shackleford Ridge was not available at that time. Bob Walters, Principal of Signal Mountain Middle School Field said in response to an inquiry that the school used the new ball field at Shackleford Ridge for baseball. He said they used to use Driver Field behind the golf club. He stated the field at Shackleford Ridge was first class and Mountain Rec Inc provided all the supplies.

Councilmember Paturalski stated that the \$50,000 in question was set aside thanks to former Councilmember Rachel Bryant. The Councilmember noted that the County had already put \$1,700,000 into Shackleford Ridge Park and the \$50,000 was only .01 % of the budget. She said that the Mountain Vision process showed that residents thought that recreation was very important.

Vice Mayor Ruffin said he would prefer to go through the budget process and then make the decision on the \$50,000. Then Councilmember Paturalski said the \$50,000 was in the current year's budget.

The Mayor noted that the Council had conducted a meeting on April 28 to gather information and listen to the baseball principals and league leaders. Then several citizens commented on the park at Shackleford Ridge and the contribution. The Mayor then noted that Councilmember Linehart was initiating an inventory of all Town facilities. He said that the \$50,000 was a lot of money and the Council took every dollar seriously.

Councilmember White made a motion to enter into an interlocal agreement with Hamilton County to contribute \$50,000 to Hamilton County for the construction of a baseball and softball field at Shackleford Ridge Park. Councilmember Paturalski said the resolution in front of them included Walden and she felt the Council should not depend on what the Town of Walden did for action by the Town of Signal Mountain Council. Councilmember White restated his motion and excluded Walden from the interlocal Agreement. Next Councilmember Paturalski seconded the motion. The Council voted four to one to approve the resolution with Vice Mayor Ruffin voting against the resolution.

Lou Oliphant stated that the Planning Commission did not meet and there was no report.

Vice Mayor Ruffin stated that with a 4 to 1 vote he was happy to go forward with a consensus. He said that one of the things that made the Council great was the fact that all of the members had different opinions but they all took the Town seriously.

Councilmember Linehart relayed his and Councilmember White's experience in conducting a civic class for the 3rd grade class at Thrasher School. He asked the Town Manager to comment on the progress of Rainbow Lake.

Page 4 – Minutes of the May 9, 2005, Council Meeting

The Town Manager said the Town had advertised and accepted bids for the Cauthen Way project and the Rainbow Lake work. He said that only one bid had been received and it was \$25,000 over the budgeted amount. He clarified that the Cauthen Way project and Rainbow Lake project were bid together but that the Cauthen Way project was not part of the grant.

Councilmember White thanked Bob Walters for being at the meeting. He said there were three great principals on the mountain with Mr. Walters, Jean Trouhanis and Ken Barker. He informed the Council that he had met with the people at Alexian Village and talked about ways that the residents could help in the schools. He thanked Hershel Dick for the good work on stormwater. He said he noticed that Chattanooga was being fined \$100,000. He said everyone was saying the way the Town Manager has been diligent was good.

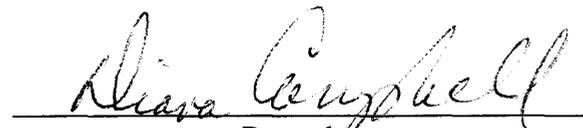
The Mayor informed the citizens about the 4th of July parade noting that it needed publicity. He said Saturday would be a clean up day for Edwards Point and would be spearheaded by Greg Hill. He stated that the recreation newsletter was getting ready to go out.

The Council selected the following Wednesday, May 11, 2005, for a meeting to get an overview of the budget for the year July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



William O. Leonard III, Mayor



Recorder

Date: MAY 9, 2005

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Terry M Ewan	202 Windy Way
2. Sean Halland	213 Timberlents Dr.
3. Madeline Pais Duarte	501 James Blvd
4. Pauline Ragan	145 Woodcliff Cir.
5. Tom Cull	80 Canyon Rd
6. Laura Peice Library Board	914 Shady Circle
7. Shawn Craig	312 Green Gorge Rd
8. John Houshrop	509 Brady Pt. Rd.
9. Jack Linda Huguelet	4446 Shackelford Ridge Rd
10. Dean Vavelicos	43 Rock Crest Dr.
11. Sarah Dawns	512 Fern Trail
12. Amanda Lee	204 Arrow Pt
13. Ryan Temple	201 Parsons Rd.
14. Drew Fitter	821 Bell Ave.
15. Ryan Long	7 Shoal creek Falls
16. Andrew Bone	1007 Brynwood Park Road
17. Storm Clifton	723 James Blvd.
18. Grace Hardin	3622 Gentry Station Dr.
19. Lou Oliphant	Cherokee Lane
20. Jean Rodan	Ladder Trail
21. Jo Durot	3114 Greenhill Ave.
Jeanne Dolan	1500 James Blvd
Carl Clout	4400 White Cr. Rd.

Eddie Hanks

Date: MAY 9, 2005

NAME	ADDRESS
1. DAVE CASWELL	409 N. PALISADES DR
2. Jane Caswell	409 N PALISADES DR
3. Lara Caughman	1148 James Blvd
4. Don & Kim Clausen	505 Baumstori Rd
5. Glenn BAIRD	210 James Blvd
6. Greg Goodgame	1112 Glamis Circle
7. Joe Dumas	1111 James Blvd.
8. H. Jones	320 S. Palisades Pr.
9. Pat Utley	1108 Applewood Cir
10. Edd Utley	1108 Applewood Cir
11. Jeanie Zevier	510 Rolling Way
12. Cindy Keane	511 Fern Tr
13. Tom Wells	8 ST IVES
14. RYAN RIX	
15. Irby Park	105 Mtn. Court
16. Bruce Wether	SECRET Mtn MEDDUE
17. Jeff Holland	213 Timberlinks Dr.
18. Betty Farnack	923 Glamis Cir.
19. Greg O'Brien	1312 Terry Ln
20. Chris Harwood	RR. 1 Box 371 Thimblebush Rd
21. Julie Daniel	1243 Mtn Brook Cir
Jim Koch	3112 Pintail Lane
DR. KEITH DRESSLER	9 ST IVES WAY
Kay Turner	182 Woodcliff Circle
Richard Casavant	114 River Point Rd.

RESOLUTION NO. R2005-10

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 \$12,250.00.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that the Town Manager is authorized 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 \$12, 250.00. A copy of the Contract to Audit Accounts is attached.


MAYOR


RECORDER

5-9-05
DATE

5-9-05
DATE

RESOLUTION NO. R2005-11

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, LIGHTING, AND FENCING OF THE BASEBALL FIELDS IN SHACKLEFORD RIDGE PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$50,000.00) DOLLARS.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee that the Mayor is authorized to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County, Tennessee to provide funding for the construction, lighting, and fencing of the baseball fields in Shackleford Ridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 as set forth in the attached Interlocal Agreement.


MAYOR


RECORDER

5-9-05
DATE

5-9-05
DATE

PAN/kac