

*****MARCH 28, 2007*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

- Mayor Paul Hendricks
- Vice-Mayor Hershel Dick
- Councilmember Annette Allen
- Councilmember Bill Lusk
- Councilmember Susan Robertson

Also present were:

- Town Manager Diana Campbell
- Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
- Town Recorder Sherry Morrison
- See list attached for others present

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order and opened the Beer Board meeting. Mr. Noblett explained the process of applying for a beer permit. Mr. David Sanders was present representing MAPCO Express. Mr. Sanders explained MAPCO Express's training and policies. MAPCO Express has bought the Favorite Market. Councilmember Allen moved that MAPCO Express be issued the beer permit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robertson and passed unanimously. The Beer Board meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Hendricks called the Council meeting to order. Roll call found all Councilmembers present.

Councilmember Robertson introduced Mr. Bob Scott. Mr. Scott talked to the Council regarding the Town's website and helping to maintain it with ways to help inform the public on Town issues.

Dr. Jim Bardoner, President of MACC Board, discussed registration fees and liability insurance for instructors using the MACC. Mr. Noblett explained the need of liability coverage.

The Council discussed possible agenda items for the April 9, 2007, meeting. Councilmember Robertson wanted to add resolutions for George Hatch for the Recreation Advisory Board and Coughlin Cooper and Mary Lou Scohier on Communications Committee. She asked for suggestions to replace Rhuza Cleaveland. Ms. Cleaveland would not be able to serve.

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Vice-Mayor Dick asked if there could be recognition of the volunteers who were not present at the last meeting. It was suggested that those people be called about coming to the April 9, 2007, meeting.

Councilmember Lusk asked about the sign ordinance. Mr. Noblett said the Sign Ordinance is actually in the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Campbell said the DRC regulations were stricter and the stricter ones would be used over the less strict; the DRC had been using their own standards for a long time. Mayor Hendricks suggested that maybe the DRC regulations should be put in the form of a resolution and be reviewed by the Council. The Council discussed the signboard at the top of the mountain. They also talked about the traffic problem at CVS and including a public hearing on the agenda.

The Mayor advised that the Lion's Club had asked for the Town's help in providing \$1250.00 for fireworks for July 4 and asked if this were possible. Ms. Campbell said she thought there was money in the budget that could be used. Another item was the possibility of joining an organization concerning energy efficiency. The organization had already been to look at five of the Town's buildings and would get back to the Town. The Mayor suggested that the Recycle Center might provide assistance with collecting compact fluorescents.

The Council discussed the possibility of a moratorium being passed on the WWTA's sewer system on the mountain. Ms. Campbell advised that Mr. Jeff Duncan of the Parks Board, was going to be teaching classes on stormwater issues in the schools on the mountain. Mayor Hendricks asked if Mr. Jeff Duncan could be appointed to the Stormwater Committee as a citizen representative. Sam Powell and Don Moon had been serving on the Stormwater Committee but had not been officially appointed. The Town had an operating Board at present. It was suggested that maybe there be a citizen's advisory committee be appointed. They also discussed setting up a stormwater department. Ms. Campbell said Dr. Urban that told her and Loretta Hopper that he was not happy with the Town having leaves in the street. She said the Town could be fined. Mr. Noblett would draw a resolution appointing Sam Powell, Don Moon, and Jeff Duncan to the Stormwater Committee.

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Ms. Campbell explained that the Town went around each year checking for trees that were dead or were at risk of falling. She said the Town put out a tree bid each year. She said there were about five trees in the complex that were either dead or were at risk of falling. Councilmember Robertson talked about maybe trimming the trees that were leaning if they were not dead. The Council considered having an arborist look at the trees that were in question to determine if they needed to be taken down. The Council suggested a bid be put out for a certified arborist to evaluate the trees that the Town had marked for cutting. The Council agreed that the dead trees should be cut.

The Mayor discussed a resolution MTAS had given the Town regarding AT&T use of rights-of-way. Mr. Noblett was asked to draft a resolution.

Ms. Campbell said the Town would like to buy some computers from the company the cameras for the Police Department were bought from. The cost would be \$1650.00. She also told the Council about citizens complaining that Comcast representatives were coming to their house to let them know they were getting more services than they were paying for and giving them the opportunity to upgrade. She asked the Council if the Comcast people needed a solicitation permit. The answer was yes, unless Comcast called in advance to make an appointment.

Ms. Campbell talked to the Council about Poncho Sanhueza having a contract with the Town and getting paid 50 percent of the fees as a tennis pro. He had asked if his contract could be changed to show his name as Poncho Sanhueza. The old contract had Poncho Sanchez. Mr. Noblett said the Council needed to look at the old contract to see if it was appropriate now. Ms. Campbell would contact the Recreation Advisory Board to get a recommendation from them.

Ms. Campbell said she attended a pre-construction meeting with Mayes Construction. She said sewer construction would start April 16 and be finished by November 11, 2007. She said when they dug up the road down Maryland, they would have go down the middle of the road and they wanted to close some of the roads around there for a little while and may need flagmen. She said the construction company did not advise if they were going to start at St. Timothy's or Nolan School. She said she told Mayes Construction of the hours that construction work could be done on the mountain. She said they asked if there was an emergency and they had to work on Sunday, what would they do. She told them they would have to have Council approval.

Loretta Hopper passed out a Recycle Report from July 2006 through January 2007. The Council discussed recycling and the possibility of dropping the non-resident fees for recycling. The Mayor thought that should be announced at the April meeting.

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Vice-Mayor Dick wanted more information about the proposed automated garbage truck and which streets it would be used on. The Council also wanted to know if there would be a savings on worker's compensation. The Council set a meeting for 10:30 a.m. April 12, 2007, to discuss the proposed automated garbage issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dr. Paul Hendricks, Mayor



Recorder