

*****APRIL 12, 2007*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Also present were: Town Manager Diana Campbell
Town Recorder Sherry Morrison
Public Works Director Loretta Hopper

The Mayor called the meeting to order. He talked about meeting etiquette and using Roberts Rules of Order.

Ms. Campbell gave a status report on the garbage pilot project. She talked about the cost changes since February and the ten-year projection. There was discussion and questions about the different options for automated garbage pickup. There was discussion of maintenance on trucks, size and types of garbage cans, backdoor service, etc. Ms. Hopper said they were working on the budget with the possibility of including some items for the automated garbage service.

The Mayor talked about the last Planning Commission meeting. He said they discussed forming a three minute rule for people who wanted to speak at Council meetings and that the conversations between people, while someone else had the floor, needed to be stopped.

The Council discussed maybe passing a resolution regarding this issue. Ms. Campbell mentioned the fact that people addressing the Council needed to go to the podium, so as to make it easier to record.

Councilmember Robertson asked if the Swim Team was charged by the Town. Ms. Campbell said if they were non-residents they pay a fee. The Council discussed asking for a fee for the Town from the participants of activities on Town property. The Council decided to discuss this issue at the next agenda meeting.

Councilmember Allen talked about the definition of sewers being different in the Overlay Zone and Subdivision Regulations. The Town Attorney said the Town should make that consistent. This would require the sewer to be in the ground before a plat was approved.

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It would need to be handled by an ordinance. The Council agreed to have the first reading of the ordinance at the agenda meeting on April 27 at 10 a.m. and the second reading at the regular meeting on May 14.

Councilmember Robertson advised the Council of the plans of the Communications Committee.

Ms. Campbell asked the Council's advice about giving Jim Frazey another job within the Town so he could be eligible for retirement and what his salary should be. He had been declared physically unable to work in the Fire Department. They agreed they would support Ms. Campbell in her decision.

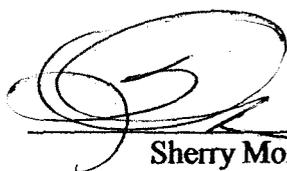
Ms. Campbell advised that Jim Althaus had asked if some money could be put in the budget for doing some work at Althaus Park.

Vice-Mayor Dick asked about budget dates. It was noted the dates were May 9 and 10 at 9 a.m. He also asked if the Department Heads would be brought in the next day to make their requests. Ms. Campbell said she would give the Council an overview and all the Department Heads in to present their requests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dr. Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor



Sherry Morrison, Town Recorder