

*****May 10, 2007*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9:00 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

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the 2007-2008 budget. The Council then discussed the budget for the Judicial and Finance-Administration Departments with Ms. Campbell and the Finance Director, Sherry Morrison. The Council decided to review Court costs for a possible increase.

Next the Council discussed the Library budget with Karin Glendenning, Librarian and Art Dickerson, Chairman of the Library Board. The Council decided to have a resolution before the Council in June in support of a Library foundation.

Karen Shropshire, Director of MACC was present to discuss the Mountain Arts Community Center with James Bardoner, Chairman of the MACC Board. The Council decided to continue to move forward with the heating system. They discussed the need for instructors and other groups using the MACC to furnish liability insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.

Recreation and Parks with the next department the Council discussed. Jarred Thompson, Director of Recreation and Parks was present to answer questions and provide information. The Council discussed improvements and fees at the pool including the need to remove a chain link fence section in the seating area and to add tables and umbrellas. The Town Manager informed the Council the staff was trying to find ground cover that could replace the high maintenance grass in some parks. She explained that the Park Board was going to help with the project. The Council was also informed that the Garden Club wanted to proceed with a campaign to raise money for improvements to Althaus Park.

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Next the Council discussed the Fire Department. The Fire Chief, John Vlasis informed the Council of various issues in the Fire Department, including an additional Fire Station, staffing and equipment.

The final department to be discussed by the Council was the Police Department. The Police Chief Boyd Veal discussed various items including the possibility of having take-home vehicles for officers. The decision was made for the Chief to study the matter and make a recommendation. The Council discussed animal control and the renewal of a contract with the Humane Educational Society.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dr. Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor



Town Recorder

Others in Attendance for part of the meeting:

Karin Glendenning

Art Dickerson

Karen Shropshire

James Bardoner

Jarred Thompson

John Vlasis

Boyd Veal