

*****October 25, 2007*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a special called meeting on Thursday October 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the Townhall. 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
See list for others present

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order. Chip Baker, Hamilton County School Board spoke about the new high school. Dr. Richard Casavant, Hamilton County Commissioner also spoke about the high school.

Next the principal for the new high school, Eddie Gravitte gave a power point presentation outlining the status of the school construction. He also included in his presentation a listing of items and their associated cost that would complete the new school but would not be provided by the Hamilton County School Board.

Dr. Casavant talked about a second access road to the school. Gary Waters with the Hamilton County School Department suggested the estimate for a road would be about \$360,000. There was a discussion of the traffic and an access road.

Mayor Hendricks spoke of the one half a cent local options sales tax that was collected by the Town and informed the citizens of the restriction on approximately \$600,000 that was collected before the countywide tax started. He stated there was some \$317,000 collected including approximately \$190,000 designated by previous Councils. He stated he was in favor of using the \$317,000 for items needed by the school.

Several citizens spoke in favor of using the money for the school. Other citizens spoke in favor of using the money to pay on the bond. There was further discussion regarding the sales tax. The Council said they would make a decision at the November 12, 2007 regular monthly Town Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor


Recorder