

*****January 9, 2008*****

The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain held a specially called agenda meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Also present were:

- Interim Town Manager Lynn Wampler
- Town Attorney Phillip Noblett

Mayor Hendricks called the meeting to order.

The date for a meeting with Steven Moore and Chuck Marquis from the TVA Economic Development division was set for Monday, January 28 at 4:30.

Mr. Wampler updated the Council on the search for a Recorder/Finance Director and said he wanted to extend an offer to Mr. Mark Johnson. Mr. Wampler gave his reasons for recommending this applicant, and a vote was taken. Vice-Mayor Dick moved that the Council approve Mr. Wampler's recommendation. Council Member Lusk seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Wampler led a discussion of a summary sheet he had put together showing the disbursements made to Hamilton County School Board. The summary showed that the Town has paid out \$5,062,210.57 and has a balance left of \$2,637,789.43. By using all of the accrued sales tax revenue to pay towards its obligation to the school board, the Town will have saved \$790,375 over the life of the loan. Some years our property tax revenues may exceed the loan payment, allowing the Town to pay down the principle. Mr. Noblett confirmed that there is no penalty for early payment.

Mr. Wampler explained the need for an emergency purchase of a backhoe. The wiring harness had broken on the old one. The Town will try to repair the old one and use it at the recycle center. Mr. Noblett will draft a resolution for the regular January meeting approving the purchase.

There was discussion regarding a bio-fuel policy that would set the limit for a price differential at which point the Town would buy unleaded fuel instead of bio-diesel.

A resolution passed unanimously agreeing to the terms of an interest-free loan agreement for \$40,300.00 for energy efficiency improvements for Town buildings.

Mr. Wampler discussed a resolution to be voted on at the January 14th meeting authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing general obligation capital outlay notes to be used for building improvements and the replacement of the fire chief's car.

While the car has only 80,000 miles, it is beyond repair. Mr. Wampler that vehicle maintenance has been improved and that a formal program would be implemented. The new vehicle must be purchased from the state and the Town is buying a Ford Escape. Mr. Lusk suggested finding out if the state offers the hybrid version of the Escape.

Mayor Hendricks gave an update on the 911 issue. He and the mayors of Red Bank and Collegedale are going to talk to Soddy Daisy about the possibility of combining resources and joining their 911 system.

Mayor Hendricks also reported that the family of Stan Crewe is interested in pursuing the idea of a memorial fund to be used to maintain the Christmas train. The Community Fund is willing to support this fund under their umbrella.

Mr. Wampler, Council Member Robertson and Personnel Committee Chairman Tom Heyes worked for many hours with Bonnie Curran of MTAS to devise a personnel policy for the Town. The Personnel Committee also suggested changes, which Ms. Robertson is incorporating into the document.

There was discussion of the emergency water connection with Walden. Vice-Mayor Dick will set up a meeting between Tennessee American, WRUD, Mr. Wampler and himself to explore options.

There was discussion of appointments to various boards and committees. These will be voted on at the January 14th meeting.

There was discussion of the new state retirement policy for safety professional such as members of fire and police departments. It was agreed to discuss the pros and cons at the January 14th meeting. Mr. Noble will prepare a resolution for that meeting.

There was discussion about offering the Town of Walden the opportunity to share in the costs and uses of some Town services instead of charging non-resident fees.

The Town is investigating the efficacy of entering into a contract with a water tank management company. At a set cost, such a contract would provide regular maintenance and repair of Town water tanks to ensure that Town comply with State regulations and to prevent costly, unanticipated repairs and disruption of service.

Mr. Wampler explained his Capital Projects Fund (CPF) to be used to replace Town equipment as required. The CPF would be funded by transferring money from the general fund equal to equipment depreciation in each department. Mr. Noblett will prepare a resolution for January 14th.

There was discussion of a proposed reorganization of the police department that will help it run more efficiently. Phil will prepare a resolution for January 14th.

The Council will review the Memorial Policy and Procedures the DRC has prepared and will discuss it at a later date.

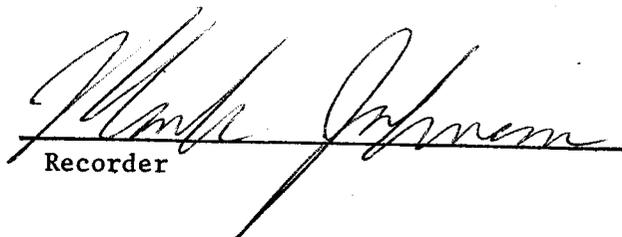
Mr. Wampler discussed the repairs needed at the Town pool which are estimated to cost \$111,000. He recommends temporary repairs in hope that the Town can obtain a TDEC grant that would cover major repairs. While we have missed this application cycle and might have to wait a couple of years to get the money, Mr. Wampler advises that \$50,000 would be worth the wait.

The Council will set a date for the next agenda meeting at the January 14th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.



Paul M. Hendricks, Mayor


Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOAN PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Economic Community Development (ECD) administers an Energy Efficiency Loan Program for Local Government Facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Signal Mountain wants to participate in the loan program in order to improve facility energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town of Signal Mountain is submitting an Energy Efficiency Loan Program application to ECD for each of the following facilities:

- (a) Signal Mountain Town Hall;
- (b) Signal Mountain Police/Fire Department;
- (c) Signal Mountain Library; and
- (d) Signal Mountain Public Works.

SECTION 2. For each of the facilities approved by ECD for financing, the Town of Signal Mountain will fully participate in the Energy Efficiency Loan Program and will follow all applicable program rules and guidelines. Full program participation by the Town of Signal Mountain will include the following:

(a) The Town of Signal Mountain will borrow the approved loan amount from the ECD Energy Efficiency Loan Program within six (6) months of the date of loan approval;

(b) The Town of Signal Mountain will implement the approved projects within one year of the date of loan approval; and

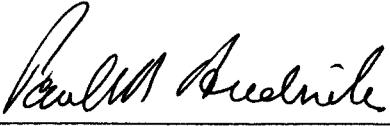
(c) The Town of Signal Mountain will provide ECD with a final work completion report when the approved project is implemented.

SECTION 3. To help determine the level of energy savings produced by the energy efficiency project, the Town of Signal Mountain will send copies of monthly facility energy bills to ECD during the term of the loan for project evaluation purposes.

SECTION 4. The Town of Signal Mountain will properly operate and maintain the loan financed energy efficiency equipment in order to maximize facility energy savings.

SECTION 5. The Town of Signal Mountain will send this resolution to ECD, Energy Division, 320 Sixth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0405, as an accompanying document to the application for loan program funds.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect upon approval, the public welfare requiring it.



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