

*****October 27, 2008*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers
 Town Recorder Mark Johnson
 Town Attorney Phil Noblett

Police Captain Greg Hall introduced Richard Reidel, a new officer.

The following ordinance was presented: "AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 17-111 TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR COMMERCIAL REFUSE PICKUPS AND EQUIPMENT CHARGES WITHIN THE TOWN." Councilmember Lusk moved, and Vice-Mayor Dick seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The November 10th regular meeting agenda was reviewed as follows:

- The person who would be asked to give the invocation.
- The approval of the beer permit for Signal Mountain Country Club. The Council discussed current ordinance restrictions, noting number of permits limitation, on premises vs. off premises consumption, and zoning concerns. The Council agreed that the Beer Board will not convene at the November 10th meeting, but an ordinance amendment will be prepared for first reading to eliminate the limitation on the number of permits.
- The public hearing and first reading of an ordinance regarding a rezoning request by Susan Humphries. The request generated discussion concerning future use of the lots and the septic system. It was agreed that two versions of an ordinance to amend the zoning – one with a provision that the daycare can be used as a duplex in the future and one without such provision will be prepared.
- Second readings on ordinances regarding increased water deposit fees and the annexation of the Fox Run and Windtree subdivisions.
- A request by the Mountain Library Foundation to thank the Council and give a summary of the Foundation's purpose at the meeting.
- The time for Citizens' opportunity to address the Council will be held after the zoning public hearing.
- Although it won't be listed on the agenda, the Employee of the Quarter will be recognized.

- The election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor will be held immediately after the roll call. There will be a meeting on Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 p.m. to swear in elected Council members.

Revisions to the language in the vicious dog ordinance were proposed, including grammatical changes, elimination of references to required registration, and a general edit of the ordinance.

The Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant application summary was reviewed. The summary noted deficiencies in the recent application for swimming pool improvements. Ms. Rogers noted the Town may be able to reapply by 2011.

The Walden's Ridge Utility District (WRUD) water line expansion was discussed. The WRUD plans to place a new 16" water line across property located in areas in urban growth boundaries of the Town. The Town has the opportunity to pay the materials cost for fire hydrant installations during this process. If annexation occurs in the future, retrofitting fire hydrants on the WRUD line will be more difficult and costly. Costs of installation, and service were discussed.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion on strategic planning, noting the TVA, Southeastern Development District, or Economic Community Development would be available to help the Town with it. The Council agreed that meetings with one of these entities, possibly in the form of a retreat, would be a good idea and that early January would be a preferable time to meet. The prospect of inviting representatives from Walden to take part was also discussed.

Ms. Rogers presented a list of proposed changes to the personnel handbook, including language regarding FMLA, compensatory time, jury and court leave and overtime.

Mayor Hendricks presented two pieces of recent correspondence he had received – one regarding progressive transportation methods and another regarding a plan for energy independence - the "Pickens Plan". The Council agreed resolutions pledging support to these initiatives should be prepared.

Ms. Rogers asked what should be done about the various Board positions that are scheduled to expire in December. It was agreed letters should be sent to the members asking if they would be interested in continuing or serving in other capacities for the Town.

The issues with trees on the country club property were discussed. Ms. Rogers said she contacted the maintenance supervisor of the club, and he should be removing any limbs growing beyond the three-foot limit. Also, issues regarding dead branches were discussed. Ms. Rogers noted the Town Code allows citizens to request the Council have limbs removed.

Ms. Rogers said directional signs for the High School would be installed soon.

It was noted that the Lions Club was contacted and will be able to prepare a new welcome sign with the German translation of "Welcome".

Ms. Rogers' research of other Tennessee municipalities' requirements for septic system maintenance was discussed. She could find no ordinances with requirements for maintenance. The Health Department's requirements were discussed. Ms. Rogers agreed to look at ordinances of municipalities in other states.

The intersection of Sam Powell Trail and Shackleford Ridge Road was discussed. Ms. Rogers said she received a call from a Hamilton County traffic engineer who said a traffic light was not needed. The Council agreed, however, that 3-way stop signs should be installed for safety.

Ms. Rogers reviewed topics that were covered in her recent TCMA training, including public park safety inspections, public safety early retirement, GIS software usage, and grants available from TDOT.

Ms. Rogers noted federal legislation concerning collective bargaining for municipal unions may pass in the near future.

Ms. Rogers said an increase to the \$50 general Town fine the Town proposed to TML for its legislative session is currently on TML's "maybe" agenda, but it could become higher priority in the future.

The disposition of compact disc recordings of meetings was discussed. It was agreed that, while they may not be required after minutes are approved; it is still preferable to keep them.

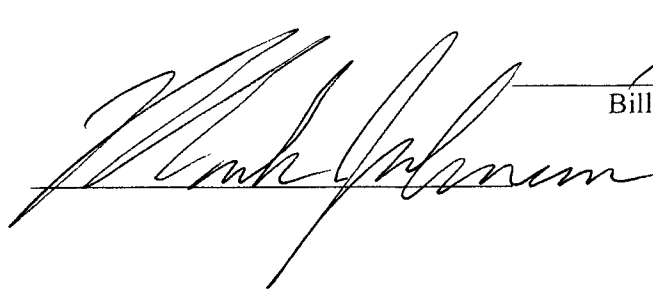
Planning Commission appointments were discussed.

The status of the Council's action steps was discussed.

Councilmember Robertson said the Tree Board wants to encourage the planting of memorial trees. She also noted the Tree Board recommended planting trees and making other improvements in front of Town Hall.

Ms. Rogers agreed to provide monthly minutes of the various Boards to the Council electronically after their completion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor

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Recorder