

*****January 6, 2009*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, January 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

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

Patrick Hagan was present and participated in a discussion of the Town's ordinance banning fowl. Mr. Hagan would like to see it amended to allow fowl. Acreage and proximity restrictions were discussed, as well as noise, odor and maintenance concerns. Examples of other municipalities' fowl ordinances were also considered. The Council agreed to provide the public handouts and other information on this issue and to obtain feedback before making a decision.

The agenda for the January 12th regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- Resolutions for the following:
 - To honor Lou Oliphant, Chris Davidson, Del Franceson, and Jeff Duncan for their respective contributions to the Town.
 - To honor the Green Giants Swim Team.
 - To recognize Arbor Day.
 - To appoint Darlene Walder to the Tree Board.
 - To approve an engineering contract for new water line design and construction.
 - To establish a Clean Stream Task Force and a Transportation Committee.
- The second reading of an ordinance to amend the state street aid budget.
- Postponing an ordinance for a rezoning of Susan Humphries' property. Ms. Rogers noted more information is needed from Ms. Humphries on the property's septic lines.
- The first reading of an ordinance approving a liquor store. Zoning concerns involving the establishment were discussed.
- Postponing appointments to the Recreation Board due to concerns over a potential member serving on concurrent boards. Councilmember Hendricks is going to contact the current Chair, and if he agrees that the Playhouse should be under the MACC then he will add two resolutions appointing a member each to the MACC Board and the Recreation Board.
- Announcing the availability of information regarding fowl for public input.

The Council discussed extra-territorial zoning: i.e., zoning within urban growth boundaries. Ms. Rogers noted state law prohibits this if a county has zoning regulations in place. Hamilton County does.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the WWTa Development Committee project. She said the WWTa is soliciting suggestions for projects from Hamilton County municipalities. She noted partial funding from the municipalities would be required. Ideas should be submitted by March. She also reviewed the WWTa's Private Service Lateral Program timeline.

Mayor Lusk said there are four individuals who have expressed interest in serving on the Transportation Committee. The role of the committee and whether to establish it as either a separate committee or subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee was discussed.

Councilmember Allen opened a discussion on her desire to establish a "Clean Streams Task Force". The Council agreed to establish the Task Force as a subcommittee of Citizen's Advisory Committee at the January 12th meeting. Potential committee members would be discussed at the next agenda session.

Ms. Rogers noted that Council members who would like a new official photograph made for the Town Hall and website should schedule a time, as the photographer is now available to do it.

The Council discussed the use of "take-home cars" by employees who are on-call. Ms. Rogers suggested that Loretta Hopper and Chuck Gearhiser be approved for cars. The Council agreed to approve them. Ms. Rogers also suggested that Jarred Thompson be reimbursed for mileage for times he must respond to problems outside his normal working hours. The Council agreed.

The Council suspended the meeting temporarily for a closed session to discuss pending litigation, after which, the meeting was re-opened.

Jody Meeks was introduced by Fire Chief John Vlasis as a new firefighter.

Two citizens, Scott Howell and Britt Reynolds, as well as Police Chief Boyd Veal and Fire Chief John Vlasis, were present and participated in a discussion of the Town's climbing ordinance which bans climbing. Rescinding the ban is at issue. Various ideas were considered including the use of private property vs. Town or federal property, the possibility of using permits or release forms, the availability of Town staff resources, and legal liability. The Council asked Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Howell to research potential areas that might be designated for climbing based on easy access in the event of accidents.

Ms. Rogers presented a schedule detailing the Town's revenue collections as of November 2008 vs. November 2007. A decline in revenues from the state and the nature of other revenues were discussed.

Ms. Rogers noted that the 911 Unification System involving all Hamilton County municipalities will become effective January 19th.

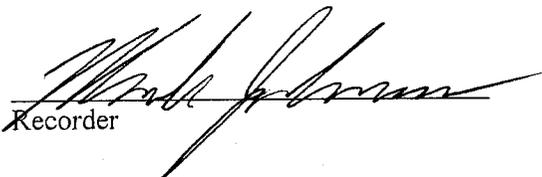
The program for Highway 127 improvements and related funding and safety issues were discussed.

The Council agreed to hold the next agenda session on January 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Rogers noted that she received a formal proposal to purchase Town property. As a result, the Town is seeking economic development guidance. The RPA suggested contacting consultants for assistance. The Council agreed Mrs. Rogers should follow-up on the suggestion by researching needs and costs.

Councilmember Allen mentioned a "Turn off the Power for an Hour" initiative and said it could be discussed at the next agenda session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Recorder


Bill Lusk, Mayor

DATE: January 6, 2008

NAME	ADDRESS
1. PATRICK HAGAN	497 Timberlinks Drive
2. PAT HAGAN	1142 HIDDEN CREEK DR. 37405
3. Bob Anderson	520 Fern Trail
4. John Bell	414 Springs St
5. Scott Howell	5873 Lake Resort Tr.
6. Britt Reynolds	120 Saint Charles St
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