

*****May 1, 2009*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 10:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

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

Cleveland Grimes and other representatives from the WWTA gave a presentation on the Private Sewer Lateral Program. The type and schedule of work to be performed was discussed as well as contractual provisions with the contractor, types of public notice to be given, costs, and customer bases. The WWTA representatives answered questions from the Council.

Chuck Gearhiser, Building Official and Stormwater Manager, reviewed his report on stream testing. The Council agreed to perform further testing on streams and to approach TDEC with the results when the tests are completed.

Councilmember Allen opened a discussion of DRC landscaping requirements. She noted that a recent discussion of property within the Town led her to think about how above-surface, mound landscaping in parking lots does little for stormwater filtration. The Council agreed to have Councilmember Allen and Town staff research the issue and present a recommendation on updating landscaping requirement revisions to the DRC.

Vice Mayor Robertson asked how many open positions exist on the DRC. Ms. Rogers said there are two, and two applications had been filed. The Council agreed to send the applications to the DRC Chairman for review.

The Tree Board and Memorial Donation Policy ordinances were discussed. Vice Mayor Robertson suggested an amendment to the Tree Board Ordinance to clarify certain language as had been suggested by a citizen. Councilmember Hendricks moved that the ordinance be tabled and discussed at the next regular meeting. Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Hendricks moved and Mayor Lusk seconded that the Memorial Donation Policy ordinance discussion also be postponed until the next regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda for the May 11th regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- A motion to officially table the vote of a zoning request by at 1603 Taft Hwy.

- A resolution honoring Frank Hill for his donation of model ships to the library.
- The "Employee of the Quarter" award.
- Respective bids for a SCADA utilities monitoring system and fire hose.
- The contract for audit services for the fiscal year 2008-2009.
- A resolution approving participation in the TML interlocal agreement.
- Second readings of ordinances regarding alcohol use at events held at the MACC.
- Second reading of the Tree Board ordinance.
- Second reading of the Memorial Policy ordinance.
- First reading of an amendment to the Chicken ordinance.
- A resolution requesting that the Planning Commission make a recommendation regarding the Shackleford Ridge Overlay Zone.

Residents' complaints regarding the sign for the Middle School at the corner of Ault Road and Taft Highway were discussed. Councilmember Dick and Vice Mayor Robertson had received calls from citizens who had suggested that since the school was no longer located there, the sign should be removed. It was determined that the sign is placed on the State right-of-way not the Town's. Ms. Rogers suggested that the purchase of the school property would probably have an effect on the sign and that the Council should wait and see what happens.

The chicken ordinance was discussed. The Council agreed to amend the ordinance to state specific guidelines for Planning Commission approval of variances of the property line setback requirement.

The MACC property was discussed. The Council agreed to re-send a letter to the county requesting a transfer of property title to the Town.

Ms. Rogers gave a budget update. She also presented a study with estimates on the effect of converting the sanitation services to a fee-based fund. She explained that such conversion would result in a decrease in property taxes and allow sanitation to become self-supporting. The Council agreed to have Town staff research the suggestion further. The Council's expectations for the recycle center were discussed. Appropriate levels of service and estimated costs of the Town staffing the center again were reviewed.

Ms. Rogers reminded the Council that a TML conference in Chattanooga is scheduled and they could attend, if interested. She also reviewed a recent TCMA conference she attended.

Ms. Rogers updated the Council on significant bills currently being discussed at the state level, including those regarding business license tax increases, recycle facilities, and concealed weapons.

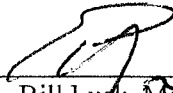
Ms. Rogers asked the Council to respond to her request for a two-week vacation in September. The Council approved her request.

The next agenda session was tentatively scheduled for June 1st.

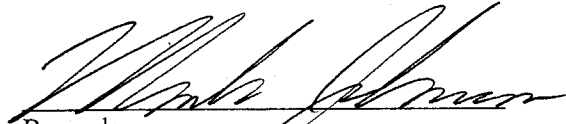
The Council discussed the Town Manager's proposed contract. The Council agreed to further discussion at a future date.

Ms. Rogers reminded the Council that she has not received a summary evaluation of her performance. The Council agreed to discuss her goals at the next agenda session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder