

*****May 28, 2009*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, May 28, 2009 at 2:00 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

John Richardson and Karna Levitt attended the meeting to discuss the scope of the Transportation Subcommittee and the issues it might address, including incentivizing car pooling, encouraging the Town to become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly and encouraging street connectivity. It was concluded that the subcommittee would concentrate on transportation priorities, not action plans.

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE TO SIGN A LANDLORD WAIVER AND ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT AS REQUESTED BY FIRSTBANK FOR THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB." Mayor Lusk explained that the Country Club is undergoing renovations and the bank simply needs to secure its loan by placing a lien on the Club. Councilmember Hendricks moved and Mayor Lusk seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 WITH PREMIUMS NOT TO EXCEED \$320.83 PER MONTH FOR SINGLE COVERAGE AND \$829.98 PER MONTH FOR FAMILY COVERAGE." Ms. Rogers explained various insurance options that had been presented by the Town's insurance broker and their respective costs to the Town and employees. Susan Robertson added that Ms. Rogers had asked the Personnel Committee to review the options and offer comments. After discussion and clarification, the Committee suggested Ms. Rogers enter into the BC/BS agreement. Councilmember Dick moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda for the June 8th regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- A resolution from the State Legislature recognizing the 90th anniversary of the Town presented by Representative Richard Floyd.
- Public hearings and tentative first ordinance readings regarding amending street frontage access language in Community Commercial District Zoning and a rezoning request for 315 Ault Road from Low Density Residential to Community Commercial District and Warehouse Wholesale District.
- A resolution to increase the number of members on the Transportation Subcommittee.
- Appointments to the Transportation Subcommittee.
- Purchase approval for a Bobcat Skid Steer loader to use in areas too small for conventional backhoes or bulldozers.
- Approval of a grant application for a new fire truck.
- Second reading of an amendment to the fowl ordinance.
- First reading of an ordinance amending the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget.
- First reading of an ordinance approving the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget. Language in the budget regarding the property tax rate was discussed as well as changes made since the last budget meeting and the Town's current debt situation.
- First readings of ordinances to increase certain fees. The Town's fees for various services and their corresponding costs were evaluated.
- Approval of employee dental insurance coverage.

The next agenda session was scheduled for June 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Rogers updated the Council on the recent Consumer Connection meeting. She said long and intermediate development plans for the Town had been discussed as well as ideas to support existing retail. She also said there is a growing interest in the program.

The Council then discussed whether to replace the "Council Meeting" sign on the signboard at the entrance to the Town. Ms. Rogers said she would research replacement options.

Councilmember Allen suggested the idea of placing a conservation easement on Rainbow Lake. It was decided to discuss the issue further at the June 8th meeting. Ms. Allen also proposed the idea of working to convert Prentice-Cooper State Forest into a federal or state park. The Council was enthusiastic about the potential for changes at both Rainbow Lake and Prentice Cooper.

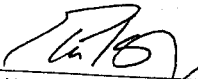
The Council discussed non-resident fees for employees to use Town facilities. Questions of actual employee use were determined. Ultimately, it was decided that non-resident fees for employees would be waived, and that retirees and their families would pay half price. All other fees (pool entrance, etc.) will continue to be half price for employees, retirees, and their immediate families.

Ms. Rogers' contract with the Town and her goals for the upcoming year were discussed. Ms. Rogers suggested goals for herself. The Council also suggested goals. The Council


agreed to make any revisions to the contract and finalize goals for Ms. Rogers by June 29th.

Ms. Rogers asked if Mr. Noblett should attend all meetings or only those during which legal issues are to be discussed. The Council agreed to have Ms. Rogers compile a schedule of potential cost savings limited attendance would create.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder