

\*\*\*\*\*July 17, 2009\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council reconvened its regular monthly meeting from Monday, July 13, 2009 on July 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

- Mayor Bill Lusk
- Councilmember Annette Allen
- Councilmember Hershel Dick
- Councilmember Paul Hendricks

Also present were:

- Town Manager Honna Rogers
- Town Recorder Mark Johnson
- See attached list for others present

**Ordinances**

The following ordinances were presented:

1. "AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 315 AULT ROAD, MAP 108B-A-031, WHICH WAS FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (CCD) AND WAREHOUSING AND WHOLESALING DISTRICT (WWD), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS." Mayor Lusk moved to table this ordinance until after the County Commission meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>, when the issue would be discussed. Councilmember Hendricks seconded the motion, saying that hopefully the Council could discuss the ordinance at the agenda meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rogers said she would put this item on the agenda for the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Other Discussions**

Councilmember Hendricks asked if Ms. Rogers had made any progress on the agreement with Tennessee American Water Company, as discussed on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Rogers said she is still waiting on the documentation. She said the issue specifically relates to language in the contract that would allow Tennessee American to change water rates at any time during the three-year contract. Councilmember Hendricks asked if the resolution should be officially tabled now. Ms. Rogers said it shouldn't, since that was done at the meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Presentations**

Vincent Joy, Partnership Specialist with the Census Bureau, spoke on the upcoming census, which is scheduled for April 1, 2010. He said his role was to visit businesses,

not-for-profit organizations, and governmental entities in his district and request their help in obtaining data for the census. He said that an individual will be counted in whatever area he/she resides. He provided materials to the Council and asked them to review the materials to determine how they could assist.

Mr. Joy said this is an important process that will help national leaders in determining districts and funding needs. He said he has partnership agreements with several municipalities, counties, and other organizations already.

Councilmember Hendricks asked if the census will be performed by mail. Mr. Joy said it would. Councilmember Hendricks asked if there would be a follow up process. Mr. Joy said there would, and that every address that was recorded manually by representatives will receive a letter. He also noted that the questionnaire contains only ten questions – a shorter form than usual – which the Bureau hopes will generate a better response. He said this short form will be sent to everyone every ten years, but a longer form is sent to a randomly selected 250,000 homes each month.

Mayor Lusk said the Council wants to help. He said this could be mentioned in the weekly column the Town has in the local paper. He asked if a recalculation is done every five years. Mr. Joy said he wasn't sure how often it is performed, but a recalculation was performed in 2007 based on sampling.

Ms. Rogers thanked Mr. Joy for attending. Mr. Joy said there is also information on 2010 census.gov.

Councilmember Hendricks asked when the Town will receive information on its population. Mr. Joy said it would probably be available on March, 2011, after Congress has reviewed it.

Mr. Joy noted that personal information is safe with him and other census workers. They are sworn to an oath and could be fined or imprisoned for any data misuse, and they are under that oath for the rest of their lives. He also said personal data can't be released for 72 years.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Bill Lusk, Mayor

DATE: July 17, 2009

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