

\*\*\*\*\*January 29, 2010\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, January 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Others present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers  
Town Recorder Mark Johnson  
Town Attorney Phil Noblett  
Others (as noted)

The agenda for the February 8, 2010 regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- Approval of the January 11<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> minutes.
- A resolution supporting "Kids in the Kitchen", a program designed to encourage healthy lifestyles for kids K-5.
- A resolution honoring the Thrasher Environmental Club.
- A resolution to support "Earth Hour."
- A resolution to appoint two new members to the Library Board.

Councilmember Allen updated the Council on the effort to establish a conservation easement for Rainbow Lake and adjacent wilderness areas and trails in the town. She reported she and Ms. Rogers had met with Tennessee River Gorge Trust representatives, and they were receptive to the idea of holding the easement and will present the idea to the Trust's Acquisition Committee.

Councilmember Allen opened a discussion on forming a "Green Committee". She noted that ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability, has developed a program for smaller communities that delineate the steps necessary to establish and measure a community's carbon footprint. Establishing a Green Committee is part of that process. The Council agreed to pursue Ms. Allen's idea and to research the possibility of hiring an intern or utilizing a board member for research. Other potential benefits of using an intern were discussed as well.

Representatives from EPB were present to answer/discuss any questions on the proposed cable franchise agreement prior to related ordinance passage. It was noted that previous issues and questions had been resolved. The attorneys noted they were both comfortable with the agreement. The representatives noted that service should be available by early fall 2010. The following ordinance was then presented: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, GRANTING TO THE ELECTRIC POWER BOARD OF CHATTANOOGA, AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, ITS SUCCESSORS, LESSEES AND ASSIGNS,

A FRANCHISE FOR THE TERM OF (10) YEARS, THE RIGHT, AUTHORITY, POWER, PRIVILEGE AND PERMISSION TO OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN. Councilmember Hendricks moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously. This served as the second reading.

Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, was present to discuss gym roof repairs. He explained that rain water over the years that had caused the roof to bow and trap water. In addition the roof was old, cracked and brittle. Various roofing contractors and Building Official Chuck Gearhiser advised the roof should be replaced quickly. The details of various replacement options were discussed. Finally, Ms. Rogers and Mr. Noblett recommended funding an emergency purchase to replace the roof as soon as possible.

The following resolution was presented: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED ROOFING SERVICE TO REPAIR DAMAGES TO THE TOWN GYM ROOF IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$37,200.00) PLUS COSTS FOR A WARRANTY WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$532.00). ARS's proposed service was discussed, including references, bond requirements, potential change orders, etc. Other bid proposals were discussed as well. Mr. Thompson noted that another potential bidder was scheduled to arrive within the next few days to provide a quote. The Council discussed whether to pass the resolution or await the new quote. Mr. Noblett explained that the resolution can be passed now, and if a better offer is delivered, a new resolution can be passed at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Rogers suggested amending the current resolution to change the contract price to a maximum of \$39,000 to allow for potential decking costs. Councilmember Hendricks moved to pass the resolution with an amendment to increase the cost cap to \$39,000, with a second by Councilmember Dick. The motion passed unanimously as amended. The Council agreed that Mr. Thompson should also get a quote from the potential new bidder mentioned above and JD Helton Construction as well.

Ms. Rogers and Mr. Thompson presented a proposal to charge the local swim team the Town's costs for pool use, lifeguards and lost revenue during home swim meets. Ms. Rogers noted that teams in which each member pays a \$5.00 maintenance fee are not typically charged costs; however, the costs the Town incurs during meets is quite significant. The \$5 maintenance fee is intended to assist with upkeep of the facility and not reimbursement of costs. The Council agreed to assess rent of \$1,000.00 per year.

The meeting was temporarily recessed to allow for an Attorney/Client meeting.

Upon reconvening the agenda session, Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, was present for a discussion of the proposed James Boulevard sidewalk construction. Preliminary plans and various options for the sidewalk were reviewed. Ms. Rogers said

that an official recommendation from Thompson Engineering is needed before any commitment can be made in favor of a particular option. Representatives from the Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club were present. Doug Fisher, President of the club's Board, said that the club's only real concern is substantially maintaining the presence and condition of the Leyland Cypress trees adjacent to the proposed construction area. The history of the sidewalk grant, Town rights-of-way, utilities concerns, safety benefits of trees, Town and Club liability issues, etc., were discussed. The Council agreed that the number of trees that might be removed is uncertain, and it was noted that Thompson Engineering will host a public drop-in meeting to listen to concerns and gather input on February 3<sup>rd</sup> between 6 and 8pm.

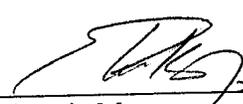
Transportation Committee member Ruzha Cleaveland was present to report the Committee's prioritized recommendations to the Council. They are summarized as follows:

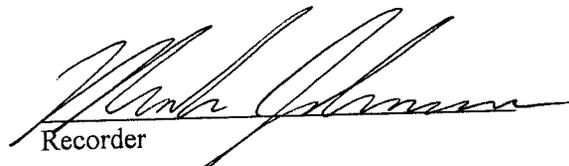
- The erosion issue at Shoal Creek Road. Ms. Hopper is working on this issue.
- The "Complete Streets Concept", a program wherein roadways incorporate pedestrian and bicycle pathways as well as roads for cars and trucks.
- The up-grading of Highway 127. Mayor Lusk explained how this project would have to be added to the TDOT's long-range transportation plan. A discussion was held hoping that TDOT would be willing to work with the town in the planning stage of the project. Ms. Cleaveland stated the Committee would be willing to help the Council in any way. The Council thanked her and said it would keep her informed.

Ms. Rogers updated the Council on the status of ARRA funding. She noted that the Town award should be approved/obligated by Tuesday.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion on a request from East Ridge to join them and Red Bank by passing a resolution requesting the state legislature amend the voting structure of the WWTA Board so that the number of votes a municipality has is based on the number of its WWTA customers. Various facets of the issue were discussed, including the fairness of determining the number of votes a municipality may have by population or by the number of WWTA customers. Ms. Rogers stated she was unsure if the state legislature would support the resolution but did not feel it had strong support. After some discussion, the Council agreed to not pass one.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Bill Lusk, Mayor

  
Recorder

DATE: January 29 2010

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