

*****February 8, 2010*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 6:30 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 Attorney Phillip Noblett
Town Recorder Mark Johnson
See attached list for others present

Mayor Lusk led the pledge of allegiance. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation. The roll was called.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 11th regular meeting and January 29th agenda meeting were discussed. With no corrections or revisions all minutes were approved unanimously.

Mayor Lusk greeted Hamilton County Commissioner Richard Casavant who was present in the audience.

Honorary Resolutions

The following honorary resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE THRASHER ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB ON ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY." Councilmember Allen summarized the efforts and accomplishments of the club and read the resolution. She moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Children and teachers who were members and supporters of the club were presented the resolution.
2. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, COMMENDING, AND SUPPORTING 'KIDS IN THE KITCHEN'". Vice Mayor Robertson read the resolution, explaining that this is a free community event to promote healthy lifestyles through interactive learning about cooking, nutrition and exercise targeting children K-5. The event will be held Saturday, March 13th 10am-4pm at Thrasher Elementary School. Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Representatives of the event were presented the resolution.

Councilmember Hendricks noted that the resolution the Council passed in October 2009 regarding locally grown foods or "the green foods resolution" had generated a lot of interest from the press. He said it would be nice for the event to have support from local agricultural cooperatives and farms. Vice Mayor Robertson said some are participating.

Citizens Opportunity to Address the Council

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN TO CELEBRATE MARCH 27, 2010, FROM 8:30 PM TO 9:30 PM AS EARTH HOUR WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE." Councilmember Allen summarized the initiative, saying that for four years individuals worldwide have been encouraged to turn off all nonessential lights and power for one hour during the last weekend in March. She said participation in Earth Hour raises awareness of the difference each individual can make toward combating climate change and stream, air, and soil contamination. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Dick seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DICK MOREL AND JUDY BEATY AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S LIBRARY BOARD." Councilmember Allen noted that these individuals are talented and the Board is excited to welcome them. Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Dick seconded that he resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

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." Mr. Noblett explained that he had been in touch with Tom Poteet's attorney, who said that the warranty deed is being revised to address several issues, including those regarding zoning and permitted use. He recommended tabling the ordinance until the deed is finalized.

Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded to table the ordinance. Councilmember Hendricks asked when the deed should be finished. Mr. Noblett said it would probably be before the end of the week. He said that a special meeting could later be called for the second reading of the ordinance, if necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions

Mayor Lusk opened a discussion of the MACC roof repairs. Ms. Rogers said that MTAS and others have recommended that the Town contract with someone to help prepare bid specifications for the project. She said that originally the Town planned to use a contractor; however, both the contractor and an engineer recommended using an architect. Ms. Rogers asked the Council if this recommendation could be pursued although the cost is not budgeted. She said the cost would hopefully be less than \$10,000, and that it could save money in the long-run. She explained that the Council would need to pass a motion giving her permission to contract with an architect immediately so that roof repairs can be completed before MACC summer camps begin. Councilmember Hendricks moved to approve contracting with an architect to aid in writing specifications. Councilmember Dick seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Lusk opened a discussion on a sensitive document shredding/recycling pilot program that Orange Grove hopes to undertake. Ms. Rogers explained that Center representatives had suggested providing free document destruction services for Town citizens to determine the need for such services in communities such as ours. She remarked that the reason Orange Grove chose Signal Mountain for the pilot project was because our recycling center is the busiest of all the centers they operate. The Council discussed possible locations for placement of a sensitive document receptacle and agreed to participate in the Orange Grove program if it indeed materializes.

Mayor Lusk thanked Fire Chief John Vlasis for the fire department's containment and elimination of the recent fire at Jamestown Condominiums. Chief Vlasis commended the police department and mutual aid agencies for their help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Bill Lusk, Mayor