

\*\*\*\*\*March 15, 2010\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 15, 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

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

#### Minutes

The minutes for the February 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and February 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda meeting were discussed. Vice Mayor Robertson noted a few minor grammatical and format errors on each. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Dick seconded that the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Mayor Lusk seconded that the February 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Honorary Resolutions

The following honorary resolution was presented:

“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN CHESS CLUB”. Vice Mayor Robertson read the resolution, noting the accomplishments and value of the interscholastic club. She moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution was presented to Chess Club founder Bill Cheal, co-leader Dr. Jim Dodd, and members of the club from Thrasher and Nolan Elementary Schools and SMMHS.

#### Citizens Opportunity to Address the Council

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience.

Joe Dumas, James Boulevard, offered his congratulations to the Signal Mountain Chess Club.

### Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ORANGE GROVE CENTER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING MARCH 16, 2010 TO PROVIDE CONTRACT WORKERS TO OPERATE THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN DROP-OFF CENTER FOR TOTAL MONTHLY COSTS OF \$3,676.00 WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$44,112.00 PER YEAR." Ms. Rogers explained that this is a renewal of the current contract that is essentially unchanged except for an amendment to staffing hours. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETEEN THOUSAND AND 0/100 (\$19,000) DOLLARS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONCERNING A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MODEL EVALUATION FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Ms. Rogers explained that this is a study to evaluate the Town's water system to provide a hydraulic model of its current condition as well as a series of scenarios regarding how specific changes could improve the operation of the system. She said the study will provide a significant benefit for planning long-range water line replacement and other improvements.

Mayor Lusk asked if the study would address aging lines. Ms. Rogers said it would. Mr. Noblett noted that two points in the contract needed further negotiation: a provision that a record of the study would be retained by Arcadis for only ten years and their liability limit would only be \$19,000. Ms. Rogers said the agreement would not be signed until Mr. Noblett is comfortable with it. Councilmember Hendricks asked if reports would be provided. Ms. Rogers said electronic and hard copy reports would be provided. Councilmember Allen asked if Town staff could do the evaluation and create the various scenarios. Ms. Rogers said no Town staff member has the requisite training, but it could be obtained. Councilmember Dick asked if grants could be researched to fund any resulting changes in the system. Ms. Rogers said yes. Councilmember Dick moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN ARCHITECTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 (\$15,750) DOLLARS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR BID PACKET PREPARATION CONCERNING A NEW ROOF AND CEILING REPAIRS AT THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Ms. Rogers said that this company was selected through an RFQ. The company would assist in developing bid specifications for the MACC's roof repair. She explained that the fee is determined by a state sliding scale that assesses the fee based on a percentage of total costs. She said the estimated repair cost is \$150,000 to \$200,000. She said if it's more, the fee will not increase, but it can be lowered if the cost is less. Councilmember Hendricks asked for an explanation of the "not to exceed \$21,000 in fees" provision on page 16 of the proposed contract. Ms. Rogers explained that amount includes fees for construction management should the Town so choose to utilize that service, but the resolution was only written to authorize fees for bid specification services. She said that other services could be authorized later, if needed. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Hendricks seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

### Discussions

Ms. Rogers noted that ARRA funds that were applied for are now completely approved, and she congratulated Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, for her work. She said that the bid process is the next step, and the work to repave sections of James Boulevard and North Palisades and install a new LED stoplight should be completed this summer.

Mr. Noblett opened a conversation regarding a request from John Arney, a citizen. Mr. Noblett explained that Mr. Arney and others had complained about a recreational motor home that was recently parked in a vacant lot in their neighborhood along Stratford Way. He said Mr. Arney had sent copies of ordinances that allow for parking of recreational vehicles on private property only under certain conditions, and he requested that the Council review the allowable uses of the motor home parking under said ordinances. Mr. Noblett explained that in this case the owner and a neighbor have an agreement that allows the motor home to be parked on the lot temporarily because the owner's home is situated so that the vehicle cannot be parked there. Mr. Noblett asked if the Council wished to either cite the owner to court or allow the Town Manager to resolve it. He said that the ordinances that were created in the 1990's may need to be revised to address situations of this kind. Mayor Lusk asked if this issue was similar to one involving the CVS property many years ago. Mr. Noblett explained that issue had been about zoning whereas this issue involved a dispute between private property owners.

Ms. Rogers said the owner of the motor home would prefer to avoid a citation and would move the vehicle if the Council required. Vice Mayor Robertson asked if the recreational vehicle was inhabited, in disrepair or close to the street. Mr. Noblett answered no to all three questions. Councilmembers Allen and Hendricks said they had seen the vehicle and that in their opinions it did not create a significant aesthetic problem. The Council agreed to allow Ms. Rogers to use her discretion in the matter and to review the aforementioned ordinances in the future. Mr. Noblett agreed to suggest changes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



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Bill Lusk, Mayor

DATE: March 15, 2010

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ADDRESS

1. Joseph J. Nodds, MD 1105 E Broad Rd
2. Sam Hurrelson 413 Hampton Rd.
3. Stacy W. Leach Chpt 2114 W. Fairmount Rd
4. George Paturalski 54 Middle Creek Rd
5. Bill Cheal 827 Cherokee Lane
6. Melissa Caprell 105 South Dr
7. Anne Lawrence 727 Lancaster Dr.
8. Lou Chpikant 622 Alaskan Way
9. Ann Durham 205 Center St
10. Christopher Miles 219 Stratford Way
11. Will Paturalski 54 Middle Creek Rd.
12. David Brock 908 Shady Circle
13. Dawn-Brenda Monroe 907 Cherokee Ln.
14. DAVID CANTRELL 105 South Dr
15. David M Brock 908 Shady Cr
16. BOB FRANKLIN 4304 IVORY AVE
17. Joe Dumas 1111 James Blvd.
18. Jeff Caplenor 5 Oliver Ct
19. Bill Gallagher 327 N. Palisades Dr
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