

*****March 25, 2010*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, March 25, 2010 at 9:00 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
Others (as noted)

Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, was present and participated in a discussion of a request by the local Lacrosse League to be included under the umbrella of the Town Recreation Department. He said the primary concerns of the league were maintenance and equipment purchases. Various fees paid by similar leagues, as well as liability issues, league size, and current maintenance services were discussed. Councilmember Hendricks moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that Town Attorney Phil Noblett be asked to research what steps could be taken to approve the league's inclusion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the baby pool. To open the pool, repairs estimated at \$4,500 are needed. She said this expenditure was not budgeted, but she recommended that the repairs be completed. The Council also discussed whether this would be a good time to separate the baby pool's filtering system from that of the adult pool as is required now by state law. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Rogers said a current estimate to separate the two is \$20,000.00. The Council approved the necessary repairs to the baby pool and agreed that Town staff should get additional quotes to separate the filtration system.

The agenda for the April 12, 2010 regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- Approval of the March 12th and 25th meeting minutes.
- A memorial resolution for Neeld Messler.
- A resolution commending the Arbor Day state poster contest winner Emma Kerley.
- A resolution thanking the Clean Streams Task Force for its service.

The Council then discussed whether to hire an employee to act as a Human Resources Coordinator. Ms. Rogers presented a job description for the position, explaining that due to the resignation of a part-time payroll clerk (including a full-time secretary two years ago and another part-time office aide over a year ago), a new employee would be needed for the payroll function, which only requires a few hours a week. She suggested that the new position would still be part-time, but could be expanded to include general human

resources duties. The Council discussed what functions would be covered and the benefits to be derived. The Council agreed to allow Ms. Rogers to seek applications and try to find a suitable candidate.

Ms. Rogers presented a memo outlining the final recommendation from Thompson Engineering on the James Boulevard sidewalk construction project. The memo included changes based on citizen input from the meeting held last February 3rd. Safety issues were discussed, as well as asking for a long-range landscaping plan from the club. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Dick seconded the motion to have Thompson Engineering proceed with preliminary engineering of the Alternative Option A. After some discussion, Mayor Lusk withdrew the motion. The Council agreed to defer the issue until the April 12th meeting to give better public notification. The Council also agreed to invite Jeff Sikes of Thompson Engineering to the April 12th meeting.

Ms. Rogers reviewed financing options for the vehicle replacement plan. Fund balance availability and requirements, proposed debt service, and other capital needs were discussed. Council agreed to allow Ms. Rogers to build the vehicle replacement program into the 2010-2011 budget.

Ms. Rogers began a discussion of the possibility for the Town to assess development impact fees that would require developers to share the cost burdens of new residential construction. She noted, however, that the Town Charter doesn't allow such fees; however, it will allow utility capacity fees. Further discussion was deferred to allow for more research.

Councilmember Allen reviewed points from the Clean Streams Task Force's final report. She noted her support for one in particular – posting a list of contaminated streams on the Town website. Other related issues, such as stream testing and an active public information campaign on the importance of septic tank maintenance were discussed.

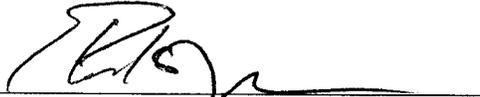
Ms. Rogers said Windy Way recently suffered damage because of three collapsing storm drains. An engineering firm will investigate the issue today.

Ms. Rogers said the WWTA has been working on the lateral replacement pilot study. She noted that East Ridge was originally part of the study, but the East Ridge Council is considering withdrawing from the program; therefore, the Town's pilot study area may be expanded.

Mayor Lusk reminded the Council that it is time for Ms. Rogers' review and agreed to send the appropriate forms to any Council members who needed them.

Mayor Lusk noted that he received a question regarding what, if anything, should be done with a fish pond installed by a property owner on the Town's right-of-way. The owner is trying to sell the property. Ms. Rogers said she would have Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, research the question.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder