

\*\*\*\*\*September 3, 2010\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, September 3, 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  
Office Clerk Sherry Morrison  
Others (as noted)

Police Chief Boyd Veal was present for and participated in a discussion of the vicious dog ordinance. The Council discussed various issues concerning the proposed revised ordinance, including how a dog is determined to be "vicious", standards for rabies inoculation, and standards for cats vs. those for dogs. Ms. Rogers agreed to have these changes reviewed and amended by Town Attorney Phil Noblett.

Chief Veal introduced a new officer, Patrick Miller, to the Council.

The proposed noise ordinance revision was discussed next. Ms. Rogers reminded the Council that this version simply incorporates the changes they suggested at the last agenda session. The Council accepted the revised form and agreed to to ad the final version at the next agenda session.

Chief Veal exited the meeting.

Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, was present for and participated in a discussion of the Transportation Committee's current direction and goals. She and Ms. Rogers noted that at a recent meeting the Committee's members inquired about what activities they should and/or are allowed to pursue. After discussion of current projects and potential future projects such as creating a list of all Town trails and roadways and sponsoring safety campaigns, the Council agreed the Committee should have broad discretion in its activities, with all regulatory or ordinance-based issues left to the Council. Ms. Rogers noted that Chief Veal would attend the next Committee meeting.

Ms. Hopper and Ms. Rogers updated the Council on ARRA fund paving and signalization projects. Ms. Rogers said that the paving would be done in October during Fall Break. Ms. Hopper noted that since new signal lights would be installed in certain areas, she and Ms. Rogers had considered and received a recommendation from Volkert Engineering on placing turn arrow lights at the intersection of Pallsades Road and Mississippi Avenue at an additional cost of approximately \$1,000. The Council agreed to the installation.

The Council discussed a resolution for the emergency purchase of fire alarm repairs at the MACC to comply with the fire code. The following caption was then read: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH ADS SECURITY TO REPAIR THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER (MACC) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$22,352.00)." Councilmember Hendricks moved and Mayor Lusk seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda for the September 13, 2010 regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- An honorary resolution commending Fire Chaplain Stacy Seals for winning a state award.
- An honorary resolution for and trophy presentation to the 7-8 and 9-10 year old baseball teams.
- A request by Tom Poteet for a sign variance.
- A resolution authorizing \$100,000 in ARRA contracts for MACC repairs. Ms. Rogers noted that the MACC Foundation does not currently have the \$62,000 originally budgeted for related repairs, but it will begin a fund-raising campaign in the near future, which emphasizes the opportunity the grant presents.
- An honorary resolution recognizing Wes Althaus, who received national JROTC recognition.
- A resolution recognizing Constitution Day.
- A possible resolution urging religious tolerance. Councilmember Hendricks suggested inviting a Muslim cleric to give the invocation at a future meeting and volunteered to arrange it. .

Councilmember Hendricks opened a discussion on health insurance. An ordinance was passed previously that allowed Council members to obtain employee coverage. However, Ms. Rogers said she recently discovered Blue Cross Blue Shield, the Town's current provider, would not allow coverage for members so the ordinance is meaningless. Councilmember Hendricks suggested that the ordinance therefore be repealed. After discussion of how potential providers may treat this issue in the future, the Council agreed to repeal the ordinance at the next Council meeting. Ms. Rogers said this could possibly be done with one reading and one vote. She agreed to confirm it with Mr. Noblett.

Councilmember Allen opened a discussion on the proposed Rainbow Lake conservation easement. She said that Trisha King of the Tennessee Land Trust offered to help complete the required documentation for obtaining the easement. The Council agreed to research the issue further and have Councilmember Allen and Ms. Rogers speak to Ms. King.

Vice Mayor Robertson suggested that the Parks Board's membership be increased from five to seven to allow for more focus on Town parks, not just trail building. The Council agreed to amend the number at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the 2009 Building Code. She said the Town must adopt it by calendar year-end; however, the Code can be adopted as a set of recommendations. Some issues with the code are being reviewed by Town staff and Mr. Noblett. The Council agreed to begin addressing the issue in October.

Ms. Rogers gave an update on her research regarding the *Chattanooga Times Free Press's* request to solicit door-to-door on Saturdays. The Council asked for an amendment that would allow all licensed solicitors the privilege of going door-to-door on Saturdays between the hours of 10am to 2pm be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

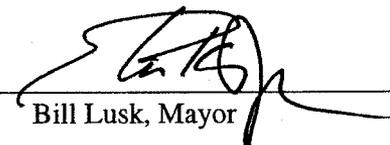
Ms. Rogers mentioned that a citizen who works frequently at the tennis courts with the high school tennis teams requested that he be allowed to purchase wind screens for the courts, including one that says, "Home of the Eagles". The Council granted the request.

Ms. Rogers notified the Council that the *Times Free Press* has invited elected officials to help sell newspapers at McDonald's locations on September 9<sup>th</sup>. She noted that half of the proceeds would be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Mayor Lusk requested that the Council complete Ms. Rogers' annual review. He asked Ms. Rogers to have her list of 2010-2011 goals ready for the October agenda meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Recorder

  
Bill Lusk, Mayor