

\*\*\*\*\*November 29, 2010\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Vice Mayor Susan Robertson  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Dick Gee  
Councilmember Bill Wallace

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

Karen Rennich, Chairperson of the Design Review Commission (DRC), was present and updated the Council on DRC activities, accomplishments, and current goals such as the review and revision of the design guidelines and the sign ordinance.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion on tennis court repairs. The following resolution was presented: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF FOUR (4) TENNIS COURTS WITH COMPETITION ATHLETIC SURFACES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$29,000.00)". Councilmember Allen moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A beer permit request by Alexian Village.
- Presentation of the FY 2010 Audit Report.
- Resolutions approving truck purchases for use by the Water and Recreation Departments.
- An ordinance approving the international residential building code.
- A resolution honoring the SMHS football team.
- Resolutions for board appointments.

The Council then discussed current Council positions open on boards. Councilmember Gee volunteered to serve as liaison to the Board of Mechanical Adjustments and Appeals, the MACC board, and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Councilmember Wallace volunteered to serve as liaison to the Recreation and Condemnation Boards.

The Council discussed the applications for various board appointments/reappointments from citizens. After discussing the qualifications of recent applicants, the Council agreed on the individuals for whom resolutions would be read at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Fire Chief John Vlasis was present for and participated in a discussion about purchasing a new fire engine. Ms. Rogers noted that the grant the Fire Department applied for was not approved. Thus, she asked for permission to pursue the purchase through the Town's Vehicle Replacement Fund. After discussing the need for a new front-line fire truck—the current vehicle is 17 years old and showing its age—as well as other needs, current procedures, and fire engine specifications, the Council agreed to give Ms. Rogers permission to proceed.

Chief Vlasis informed the Council that the Fire Department has an opportunity to gain Basic Life Support (BLS) certification. Such certification would allow EMT's and paramedics on staff to give more advanced medical treatment such as administering intravenous medicine. Councilmember Allen moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that Ms. Rogers be authorized to enter into an agreement with Hamilton County to provide BLS certification.

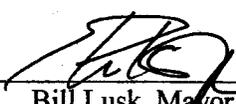
Ms. Rogers informed the Council that a \$65,000 Department of Homeland Security grant for portable digital radios was approved. She noted that this is a 100% reimbursement grant.

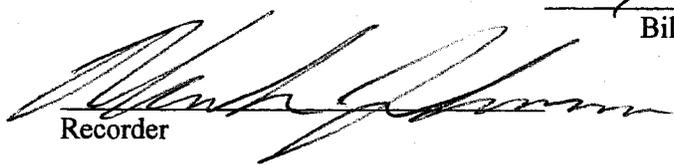
Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the Fire Department's participation in mutual aid. She noted that the average cost per run was \$140.00 for an engine call and \$194 for an aerial call. She explained that charging a reimbursement fee would negate the Town's current mutual aid agreement with surrounding communities who back the Town up at their cost when needed. Chief Vlasis suggested that the current agreement be left intact because dissolving the agreement would effectively isolate the Town. The Council agreed.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion on honoring Hershel Dick's 44 years of service to the Town. The Council discussed appropriate ways to commemorate his service. They also discussed how to commemorate MACC Director Karen Shropshire's service to the Town.

Ms. Rogers reminded the Council that the recently approved pool grant is a matching grant that requires the Town to pay \$85,000 toward the repairs. She explained that without fund-raising, the money would have to come from the Town's fund balance. She suggested that the Council might want the Recreation Department to pursue fund-raising to help cover the costs. The Council agreed to encourage the Recreation Board to pursue fund-raising.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Bill Lusk, Mayor

  
Recorder