

*****January 31, 2011*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Bill Lusk
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)

Sally Robinson, Chattanooga City Council Member, was present for a discussion of Allied Arts. She asked that she be allowed to bring an Allied Arts representative to a regular meeting to promote the Allied Arts' mission and ask for a contribution from the Town. She stated that Allied Arts is attempting to meet with all municipalities in Hamilton County. Fund allocations projects were discussed, and the Council agreed to hear a presentation at the February 14th meeting.

Sandra McCrea, MACC Foundation representative, was present and presented the Council with a MACC Foundation activities update. First, she noted that a set of bylaws had been drafted. Next, she noted that the Foundation wished to place a memorial plaque for Karen Shropshire beside the MACC's front door and asked if the Town would share a portion of the cost. The Town Council agreed to participate in a memorial. Third, Ms. McCrea asked for guidance in the MACC "visioning" process, specifically regarding how to publicize public meetings to input the process and whether or not they should hold generally open meetings or meetings that target particular groups. The Council agreed they should use the normal methods of advertising and allow as many meetings as possible, both public and targeted.

Mr. Noblett updated the Council on his research regarding the recent beer permit request by Alexian Village. Various zoning and beer ordinance provisions were discussed. Mr. Noblett suggested that the Village apply for a zoning change to a Planned Unit Development (PUD). He agreed to check with RPA personnel for an opinion. Ms. Rogers agreed to inform Village personnel.

Paul Cate and Don Tabor of CTI Engineers were present to discuss preliminary design, cost estimates, and financing options for expanding the Town sewer system. After review, the Council agreed to discuss this further in the future.

Mayor Lusk exited the meeting.

The Council temporarily recessed and convened as Beer Board to discuss a beer permit application by Southern Star restaurant. Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the permit be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda meeting was reconvened.

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING MARCH 4, 2011, AS ARBOR DAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE." Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2011 FORD F150, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 24705, FROM GOLDEN CIRCLE FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT AND 00/100 (\$23,523.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2011 FORD F150 EXTENDED CAB, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 24705, FROM GOLDEN CIRCLE FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE AND 00/100 (\$23,523.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda for the February 14, 2011 regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- A resolution commending the SMHS football team on its state championship victory.
- A resolution honoring the service and contributions of former Council member Hershel Dick.
- A presentation of the FY 2009-2010 audit report.
- A presentation by Dan Bowers and Sally Robinson of Allied Arts.

Ms. Rogers gave the Council an FY 2010-2011 budget update. She noted that more money will be spent than budgeted, but it will be due to additional payments on the high school loan, paid with funds limited to that purpose. She also reviewed noteworthy over- and under-budget amounts and future revenue outlook.

Ms. Rogers asked the Council members if they would like to hold a strategic planning session similar to the one held two years ago in which long-range Town planning strategies were discussed. The Council agreed to a one-day meeting to discuss specific issues currently facing the town and potential plans on how to address them.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that April 30, 2011 is the scheduled expiration date for permitting Saturday solicitation hours. Ms. Rogers said that she had not received any complaints from the public. The Council agreed to discuss this again at the March agenda meeting.

Ms. Rogers noted that a citizen, Jeff Simmons, recently discovered a new species of crawfish. The Council agreed to honor him with a resolution at the February meeting.

The Council then discussed an upcoming MACC Foundation event to be held at the MACC. Ms. Rogers noted that alcohol will be served, and she asked if the Council would want the policy regarding collecting 20% of alcohol sales to be applied since the event was created to benefit the MACC. The Council agreed to waive the 20% requirement for non-profits whose sole purpose is to fund raise for a Town department.

Vice Mayor Robertson raised concern over the amount of money paid by the Foundation for consulting services. Councilmember Gee agreed to speak with the Foundation.

Councilmember Allen asked if recycling brochures could be placed at the Walden Town Hall. Ms. Rogers agreed to speak with Walden personnel.

Councilmember Allen said a high school staff member approached her with a request that students be allowed to create a new recycling center sign. The Council agreed that was a good project as long as they worked within the Town's sign ordinance regulations.

Councilmember Wallace asked if there was a way to increase the flow of public information during inclement weather, possibly via the website or mass e-mailing. Ms. Rogers agreed to check with the Local Government Data Processing Corporation, the Town's network and website administrator, for available options.

Councilmember Wallace asked who could be contacted concerning the painting of Taft Highway pavement lines. Ms. Rogers said TDOT is responsible for it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Bill Lusk, Mayor