

\*\*\*\*\*February 28, 2011\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, February 28, 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)

The "Employee of the Quarter" award was presented to Town Mechanic Birchie Moore.

Fire Chief John Vlasis was present and reviewed the upcoming CERT program, in which citizens can be trained and certified to aid in neighborhood emergency situations. He noted this is grant-funded under Homeland Security.

The following resolution was presented: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE PORTABLE AND MOBILE DIGITAL RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBERS 420-4034393 AND 420-4038722, FROM MOTOROLA, INC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$65,000.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rogers noted that she had recently attended public hearings regarding Tennessee American Water Company's proposed rate increase of 27%. She noted she would speak to oppose the increase at a future hearing. The following resolution was then presented: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A WATER RATE INCREASE FROM TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY. The Council discussed previous increases and protests. They also discussed whether to protest the increase itself or the amount of the increase. The Council agreed to amend the resolution to oppose the *amount* of the rate increase. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded to approve the resolution as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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- Approval of minutes.
- A resolution to approve phone bid.

- Ordinance allowing door-to-door solicitation on Saturdays from 10am to 2 pm to become permanent. The Council discussed how few complaints it has received since passing a temporary Saturday solicitation ordinance 6 months previously.

Mayor Lusk asked about the possibility of blast e-mailing the public in the event of inclement weather, unexpected events, etc. Ms. Rogers said that there was an issue the last time such was attempted. The Council discussed other potential communication methods, such as using the website to relay information more. Ms. Rogers agreed to research this issue further.

Mr. Noblett reviewed the current request by Alexian Village to obtain a beer license. Various zoning and permitting considerations were discussed. The Council agreed to consider amending the beer ordinance to allow a "Continuing Care Retirement Community" to apply for a special permit from the BZA, as defined by the zoning ordinance to sell beer with certain established restrictions and on a case-by-case basis. The Council agreed to allow Honna and Phil to draft the ordinance amendment.

Ms. Rogers noted that MTAS representative Ron Darden is researching the legality of a wheel tax requiring the registration of vehicles.

Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, was present for and participated in a discussion of the previously proposed "recycle bank". Ms. Rogers explained that the company can contract with individuals for recycle material pickup. The positive and negative financial effects of the proposal were discussed, such as loss of recycle revenue, lower hauling costs, etc. The Council decided not to pursue the recycle bank at this time. Ms. Hopper added that Rock Ten might make changes soon to provide recycling for 1-7 plastics and for "single-stream" recycling at our Recycle Center.

Ms. Hopper also updated the Council on the process of installing a new LED traffic light, purchased with ARRA funds. She explained the delay in ordering materials and that the new light would be installed next month.

Councilmember Wallace asked about the status of the new traffic signal installation. Ms. Hopper said the pole is being constructed and should be ready soon.

Councilmember Gee asked about the status of sidewalk construction along the golf course. Ms. Hopper said that TDOT is in the process of approving the construction plan.

Councilmember Allen asked Ms. Rogers to present the advantages and disadvantages of converting the sanitation department to a self-supporting utility fund, as has been discussed in previous years, at a future meeting.

Ms. Rogers presented a schedule of Town fees – both current and with prospective increases as requested by Vice Mayor Robertson. The fees and their effectiveness to cover costs were discussed, as well as the results of previous increases. Upon agreement by the Council, Ms. Rogers agreed to draft an ordinance that would raise all fees.

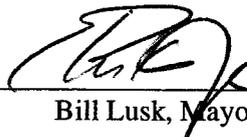
Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, notified the Council that he would meet with residents and the Recreation Board to get recommendations for proposed uses for Norris Field.

Councilmember Allen exited the meeting.

Ms. Rogers said she will e-mail the Council regarding potential dates for a Strategic Planning Session.

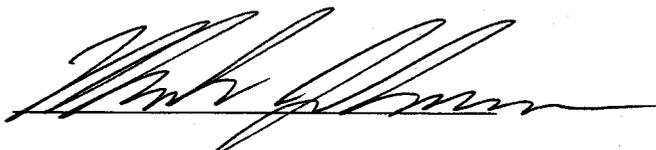
Councilmember Gee noted that he will be a facilitator at the upcoming MACC "Vision Meetings".

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Bill Lusk, Mayor



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Recorder