

\*\*\*\*\*May 9, 2011\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Bill Wallace  
Councilmember Dick Gee

Also present were:                   Town Manager Honna Rogers  
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett  
Town Recorder Mark Johnson  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Lusk led the pledge of allegiance. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation. The roll was called.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the April 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, April 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting and May 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda meeting, were discussed. With no additions, deletions, or corrections, all minutes were approved.

#### Beer Board

The Council meeting was temporarily suspended as the Council convened as the Beer Board to consider Alexian Village's request to obtain a beer permit. Mr. Noblett summarized the request and role of the Board. He also confirmed to the Council that the Town's only approval role concerns *beer* permits, not *liquor* permits, which are regulated by the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the permit be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Matt Fox, Village CEO, said that a grand opening is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Special Presentation

Councilmember Allen gave a presentation on the possible creation of conservation easements for Rainbow Lake, Green Gorge, Shoal Creek, Overlook Park, Dogwood Park, and various other properties. She explained that easements would prevent development on these parks and green spaces. She reviewed the benefits of maintaining natural beauty, the role of the Tennessee River Gorge Trust, which would hold and defend the easements, and what the process would involve.

One citizen asked what recreational activities would be allowed on the properties. Councilmember Allen said that it would probably be those already allowed, but the Parks Board would review this.

Another citizen, Noah Long, said that he supports using easements, but felt that properties along Highway 127 should not be restricted because said highway needs repair and improvement. He also said easements are not appropriate for small interior urban parcels. Another citizen, Dun Monroe, asked Mr. Long what he would suggest for property along Highway 127. Mr. Long reiterated that the road should be repaired. George Caudle, TRGT Board member, said that state action to improve the highway would supersede any easement created by the Trust. Councilmember Allen noted that the easement would contain a right-of-way clause.

Another citizen, Bill Fronk of the Parks Board, reiterated what Mr. Caudle said and reviewed how eminent domain related to existing trails.

Another citizen, Cissy Wallace, asked if work performed by the Garden Club would still be allowed to help beautify the area. Councilmember Allen said it would as long as donated plants are non-invasive.

#### **Public Hearing**

The Council meeting was again temporarily suspended to hold a public hearing on amending the zoning ordinance to allow for columbaria and memorial gardens. There were no citizen comments.

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Mayor Lusk recognized County Commissioner Jim Fields, who was present.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience. There were none.

#### **Resolutions**

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE PAVING OF PORTIONS OF SIGNAL ROAD, HIGH CREST ROAD, CROWN POINT WEST, AND GRAYSON ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THREE AND 40/100 DOLLARS (\$227,873.40) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN

MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD." Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ENGLAND STRIPING, INC. FOR THE STRIPING OF APPROXIMATELY 38 LINEAR MILES OF STREETS IN THE TOWN IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHTEEN AND 38/100 DOLLARS (\$14,018.38) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD." Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO NORRIS BROTHERS EXCAVATING FOR A WATER LINE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO THOUSAND AND NINE HUNDRED AND SIX AND 60/100 DOLLARS (\$392,906.60) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD." Ms. Rogers explained that this project is a response to water pressure problems that the subject area has been having. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. "A RESOLUTION DEDICATING A PARCEL OF LAND IN MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Mayor Lusk explained that this dedication is a grant requirement. Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
5. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EARL ROTHBERGER, JR., TO REPLACE NANCY CALDWELL AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S TREE BOARD." Mr. Long noted that Mr. Rothberger is very knowledgeable regarding trees. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Ordinances

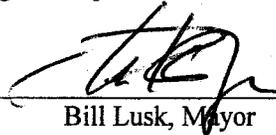
1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 113 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE." Mayor Lusk summarized the history of the request by the Chattanooga Times Free Press to be allowed to solicit on Saturdays, and he explained that this ordinance would remove any sunset provisions from the ordinance. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 303, 603.01.06, AND ADD A NEW SECTION 1200.15 TO ALLOW MEMORIAL GARDENS AND COLUMBARIA AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (LDR) SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL." Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

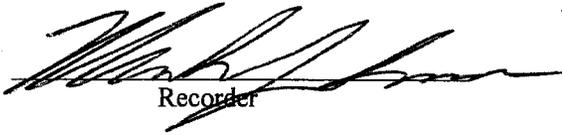
**Discussions**

Ms. Rogers noted that the June regular meeting was rescheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder

DATE: May 9, 2011

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Jim Fields	3402 A Taft Hwy
2. <del>Chop</del> <del>Harvey</del> W. Leep	2114 W. Fairmont Rd.
3. Bill Franks	332 N. Palisades Dr.
4. Lew Waddey	205 Grayson Rd
5. Drew Monroe	907 Cherokee Ln
6. Brenda Monroe	"
7. Cyder/Bark Jorral	3010 Wemyfield Ct
8. DeLane Rogers	2 Leith Cir.
9. Janice Sullivan	206 James Blvd
10. <del>Frank</del> <del>Lee</del>	171 Woodcliff Dr.
11. <del>Sue</del> <del>Lee</del>	<del>Big Rock</del>
12. James C Brown	TN River Gorge Trust
13. Joan Dixon	533 Alexion Way W 306
14. <del>Ken</del> <del>Duck</del>	516 Carolina Ave
15. Cissy Wallace	121 N Palisades Dr.
16. Matthew Fox	437 Alexion Way
17. George Caudle	1218 Fleetwood, Lookout Mtn.
18. John HARPER	905 Cherokee Ln
19. Tammy Rardin	709 Cauthen Way
20. JEREMY RARDIN	17
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