

*****May 23, 2011*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 10:30 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)

Vice Mayor Robertson reviewed a request by Catherine Smith who has organized and marshaled the 4th of July Parade for many years. She has asked to resign and turn the parade responsibilities over to another person or entity. The Council discussed whether one or more of its individual members might be able to handle the parade. Council Member Gee suggested that the MBA might wish to take it over. Vice Mayor Robertson agreed to ask them. Should they lack interest, she agreed to send out a call for volunteers willing to take on the responsibility for the parade.

The June 20th regular meeting agenda was discussed as follows:

- A presentation by the state forester designating the Town as a Tree City USA.
- Consideration of a permit by the Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church to build a memorial garden and columbarium. The Council also discussed screening and aesthetic issues.
- Resolutions approving health and dental insurance contracts. Ms. Rogers said that these might have to be approved before June 20th.
- Ordinances approving the FY 2011-2012 budget and an FY 2010-2011 budget amendment.

Ms. Rogers presented a request by a Town restaurant, *PieSlingers*, asking the Council to amend the alcohol ordinance to allow it to sell beer. She explained that it is currently illegal because the restaurant is within 500 feet of a daycare center. The Council agreed to deny the request.

Ms. Rogers presented a rendering of the Town Hall with new siding. The Council discussed installing new siding on a portion of the building or replacing damaged wood and installing a proper foundation. Ms. Rogers agreed to arrange for a contractor or contractors to offer advice on several issues.

The Council discussed various changes made to the FY 2011-2012 proposed budget since the last budget meeting, which dealt mainly with spending cuts. Also discussed was a proposal to institute a sanitation enterprise fund including appropriate fees. The Council agreed to pass the budget without a garbage fee but amend it in the 2011-2012 year when deemed appropriate. They also requested that a garbage fee ordinance be added to the June meeting.

Colleen Laliberte gave a presentation on puppetry arts and asked the Council support her program by providing her with rent-free space and permission to produce shows and perform them at the MACC. The Council referred Ms. Laliberte to the MACC Board for a recommendation.

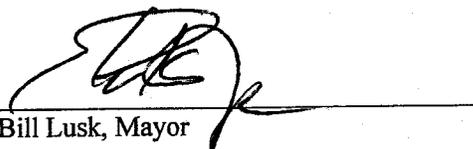
Ms. Rogers reviewed other municipalities' methods for registering vehicles and an assessment of related costs. The council agreed to dismiss the idea of such a program at this time.

Ms. Rogers reviewed a memo by Mark Johnson requesting the Town Hall be allowed to switch to automated phone call answering. The Council agreed to allow the change.

Ms. Rogers noted that she would be hiring a new building inspector. In the interim, building inspection is being handled by inspectors on loan from other communities, some as a favor and others for a fee.

Councilmember Wallace asked several questions posed to him recently by citizens concerning specifics of Town operations. Town Manager Honna answered what she could and agreed to look into others.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Bill Lusk, Mayor


Recorder