

*****November 14, 2011*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

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

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

The regular meeting was suspended and the Council convened as the Beer Board.

James Welsh was present to request a beer permit on behalf of *Pie Slingers*. Ms. Rogers noted that the related background check produced nothing of concern and the company had met all other requirements. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rogers presented a beer permit request from *On the List Catering*, a company that would cater MACC events. She explained that a law violation on the part of the company was noted during the background check; however, no actual charges were filed. Mr. Noblett explained that this permit would be effective through the remainder of calendar year 2011 and require a renewal fee in 2012 to remain effective. Councilmember Wallace asked if any of the company's representatives were present. They were not, and the Council agreed to allow them time to arrive before the end of the meeting.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Minutes

The minutes for the October 10th regular meeting and October 24th agenda meeting were discussed. With only a minor spelling error noted, both sets of minutes were approved.

Honorary Resolutions

The following resolution was presented, "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO ARE ALSO TOWN EMPLOYEES." Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember

Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Many of the employees listed in the resolution were in attendance and were recognized.

Citizen Comments

Vice Mayor Robertson invited comments from the audience. There were none.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ADOPT A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY." Ms. Rogers explained that the State of Tennessee now requires that all local governments enact a debt management policy, and that this policy was modeled after an MTAS draft. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) ROSENBAUER RESCUE PUMPER, FROM SOUTHERN EMERGENCY PRODUCTS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$375,000.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. Fire Chief John Vlasis explained that the current rescue pumper was purchased in 1994 and would be used as a reserve engine upon obtaining a new one. Ms. Rogers explained that it would take one to one and half years for delivery of the truck. She also noted that it was purchased under the vehicle replacement plan. However, the cost of the engine and necessary equipment would be above the original estimate of \$375,000 by about \$50,000. A cushion amount within the Vehicle Replacement Fund would absorb this overage. Councilmember Wallace asked what equipment would be needed. Chief Vlasis noted as examples fire hoses, nozzles, house entry tools, etc. He also noted that this equipment is required to meet ISO standards. The motion above passed unanimously.
3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2012 CHEVROLET IMPALA, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 24185, FROM TT OF G MURFREESBORO, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND 00/100 (\$19,183.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. Ms. Rogers noted that this item was also covered under the vehicle replacement plan. Mr. Noblett noted that a bid process was not required for this item because it was purchased through state-wide contract. Police Chief Boyd Veal explained that an

additional \$3,000 in add-on equipment would be required, but the total cost would be under the budgeted amount. The motion above passed unanimously.

Ordinances

The following ordinance was presented, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-107 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH A NEW IRRIGATION RECONNECTION FEE IN THE WATER RATES WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN." Vice Mayor Robertson explained that the ordinance proposes a \$25.00 reconnection fee for irrigation systems that have been shut off. She noted that turning these systems off in fall and turning them back on in spring would save homeowners money, even after consideration of this fee. She explained that connecting or reconnecting would require written notification from the customer. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussions

Councilmember Gee mentioned that the MACC recently received a plaque designating it as an historical building. He suggested that the next agenda session begin at the MACC and include a building tour. The Council agreed to convene the December 2nd agenda meeting at the MACC.

The Council suspended the regular meeting to reconvene as Beer Board to discuss the *On the List Catering* beer permit request discussed earlier. No company representatives were present. Barbara Storm, MACC Director, noted that this company is based in Chattanooga, was highly recommended, and is adequately insured. Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded a motion to grant the permit. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor


Recorder