

*****January 9, 2012*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Minutes

The minutes for the December 12th regular meeting were discussed. With no additions, deletions, or corrections minutes were approved.

Honorary Resolutions

The following honorary resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUDY EKISS FOR HER SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS."
2. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING A. VINCENT KEYES FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD."
3. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING HERBERT (BUDDY) HAILE FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD."
4. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GLENN SHOWALTER FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."
5. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING BILL FRONK FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN STORMWATER APPEALS BOARD."

6. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING REID SISSON FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION."
7. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROB PAYNE FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RECREATION BOARD."
8. "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DEBRA BLAKE FOR HER SERVICE ON THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIBRARY BOARD."

Mayor Lusk thanked the former board members for their service. Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the above resolutions be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Several of the members were present and were presented the resolution.

9. "A RESOLUTION THANKING THE NORTH SHORE FELLOWSHIP FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESTORATION OF THE TOWN'S HISTORIC MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY." Councilmember Gee moved and Mayor Lusk seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Members of the North Shore Fellowship were presented the resolution.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 State of the Town Report

Mayor Lusk presented the FY 2010-2011 State of the Town Report. He reviewed the Town's activities and accomplishments as well as anticipated projects.

Citizen Comments

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

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIN WOODROW AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S PLANNING COMMISSION." Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. Councilmember Wallace noted that another, more experienced individual - Julian Bell - had applied, and he asked why Mr. Bell wasn't considered. Councilmember Allen and Mayor Lusk said that Mr. Bell's status, as a large property owner and residential developer would create a conflict of interest. Vice Mayor Robertson agreed that Mr. Bell is a knowledgeable and experienced individual, but individuals who own and develop property shouldn't be on a related rulemaking board. Councilmember Wallace noted that there are architects on the DRC. Vice Mayor Robertson said that they don't have significant conflicting ownership interests, however. Mayor Lusk noted that when Ms. Rogers distributed the applications to the Council, he personally recommended choosing Ms. Woodward. Vice Mayor Robertson noted that Ms. Woodrow has significant experience with stormwater

issues. Mayor Lusk, Vice Mayor Robertson, and Councilmembers Allen and Gee approved the motion. Councilmember Wallace did not approve the motion.

Ordinances

The following ordinances were presented:

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE TWENTY (20) CHAPTER SIX (6) OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, TO INCLUDE NEW SECTIONS 20-600 THROUGH SECTION 20-606 WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "SIGNAL MOUNTAIN DONATION POLICY." Vice Mayor Robertson explained that this is an updated version of the previous policy, called the "memorial" policy. Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. "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." Ms. Rogers explained that this ordinance would create a \$25 irrigation system reconnection fee. She noted that by turning irrigation systems off when not in use for a portion of the year and paying the fee would result in a net savings to homeowners. Councilmember Allen moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions

Aaron Nix of the Signal Mountain Girls' Softball League was present to promote the formation of the Signal Mountain Youth Athletic Association. Ms. Rogers explained that this would serve as a board to oversee other existing athletic leagues. Mr. Nix explained that the purpose would be to pool the resources and abilities of the various athletic leagues in town for more efficient and effective operations. He also asked that the Town be an integral part of the association's activities, with a Council member and Recreation Board member being members of the association. Vice Mayor Robertson asked if it would be formed as a 501c3 organization. Mr. Nix said that it would. Ms. Rogers asked if other communities promote such associations. Mr. Nix said that Brentwood and Hixson, as well as others, do. Councilmember Gee asked if the statuses of the individual organizations would remain intact. Mr. Nix said that they would, and membership would be by invitation only.

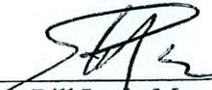
Ms. Rogers noted that the Recreation Board had discussed the issue and agreed that it would provide advantages. They did request that information from individual leagues still go directly to the Recreation Board.

Mr. Nix also proposed creating a "Scenic City Tackle Football" league, which would form teams by age. Ms. Rogers noted that a league would likely need to use Town fields for practice and the fields are under heavy use already. Mr. Nix noted that the High School will allow actual games on its field and there are other grassy areas that could be used. Mayor Lusk suggested contacting the athletic club.

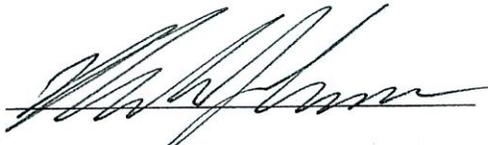
Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, noted that July-October typically yields downtime for the fields, therefore possibly allowing time for tackle football use. He also noted that the association had delivered its 501c3 application documents, memorandum of understanding, and bylaws to him.

Ms. Rogers suggested discussing this further at their next work session. The Council agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder