

\*\*\*\*\*January 27, 2012\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. 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  
  Police Chief Boyd Veal  
  Others (as noted)

The Council discussed the sign ordinance. The following was presented: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING REGULATIONS BY DELETING ARTICLE XXV, ENTITLED 'SIGNS' IN ITS ENTIRETY FROM THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AND INSERTING WITHIN TITLE 14 OF THE TOWN CODE ALL PROVISIONS REGARDING DESIGN REVIEW PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS IN A NEW CHAPTER 4 AND ALL PROVISIONS REGARDING 'SIGNS' IN A NEW CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED 'SIGN REGULATIONS' AND AMENDING SECTION 2-606 TO REFERENCE THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION OF SUCH REGULATIONS IN THE CODIFIED VERSION OF THE TOWN CODE." Vice Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The February 13, 2012 meeting agenda was discussed as follows:

- Second reading of the sign ordinance.
- A resolution recognizing Arbor Day.
- A resolution adopting new street criteria. Public Works Director Loretta Hopper was present for a discussion of the criteria. The Council discussed changes made since the last agenda session at which this was discussed, particularly those involving curb types and sidewalk requirements.
- A resolution adopting a social media policy.
- A resolution adopting a take home vehicle policy. Chief Veal explained that due to high turnover rates, few officers meet the longevity requirement to be able to take a vehicle home. He further explained that when vehicles are taken home, officers are at a higher state of readiness. The Council discussed the potential benefits and costs of amending the policy longevity and mileage requirements. Chief Veal agreed to check the longevity requirement in other municipalities' policies.

- First reading of the revised Board Ordinance. The Council reviewed proposed changes to the ordinance such as those involving expense reimbursements, meeting attendance, removal provisions, professional qualifications, the roles of committees and subcommittees, etc.

The Council discussed the Signal Mountain Youth Athletic Association. Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, and Todd Faulk, head of the existing *Signal Mountain Tackle Football*, were present. Mr. Faulk noted that many individuals had contacted him with concerns over *Scenic City Tackle Football's* request to operate within the Town. He said that new league would take membership away from the existing league, and he reviewed the history of previous such requests. The Council discussed the issue of competition as well as scheduling concerns and the use of Town facilities.. Mr. Thompson noted that a public meeting would be held by the SMYAA to discuss its formation and *Scenic City Tackle Football's request*. The Council agreed to have the SMYAA provide an update and more information on the request at a future Council meeting.

Fire Chief John Vlasis was present and reviewed the estimated \$60,000 cost for the new fire engine's equipment needs. Ms. Rogers noted that this would take the form of separate purchases from different vendors.

Ms. Rogers noted that the Town had purchased new building inspection software under a six-month contract for \$800 - \$900.

Mr. Johnson gave an analysis of Town finances as of December 31, 2011. He reviewed debt and fund balances, interest earnings, expenditures, and revenues.

Ms. Rogers noted that Councilmember Gee would act as the Town's WWTA representative while she is on extended leave. She also said that Chief Veal will be filling the Town Manager role during that time, and Ms. Hopper would be in charge when he is absent.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that the swimming pool renovation vendor recently suggested creating a pool welcome sign, lettered in tile. She asked the Council to consider the idea.

Ms. Rogers noted that Dr. Spaulding will request time to make a presentation regarding the use of a building he owns as an amusement facility for holiday events; e.g., a haunted house on Halloween. Ms. Rogers noted that there are several building/fire code and zoning issues to be resolved before this can happen.

Ms. Rogers noted that the TML annual conference would be held in the near future and asked that the Council members notify her if they wish to attend.

Ms. Rogers reviewed the status of the Palisades Road water main project. She noted that the vendor recently requested reimbursement for unanticipated boring costs. Ms. Rogers

said that part of the request is necessary due to new state boring regulations; however part of the request relates to vendor specific costs and therefore violates the contract. She also said that either the costs must be approved by February or a lawsuit would need to be filed.

Ms. Rogers gave an update on the MACC sprinkler system bid. She noted that the State now requires engineer-stamped drawings as a part of the bid process and a survey of the property. She further explained that this would create additional, non-budgeted costs, and noted that the Town is awaiting cost estimates.

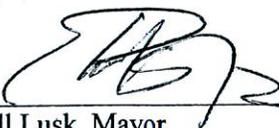
Town Engineer Cliff Fite was presented the "Employee of the Quarter" award.

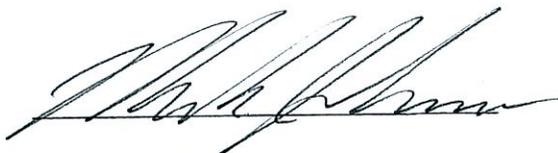
Mayor Lusk requested that a status update on the TDOT/Arcadis road study be obtained. He also requested that the Council reopen the discussion of self-sustaining recreation facilities at the next agenda session.

Councilmember Wallace noted that many citizens had been asking him about the status of leaf collection. Ms. Hopper noted that leaf collection had been temporarily halted by recent heavy rainfall. Mr. Wallace also noted that a recent newspaper article indicated the MACC had recently hired a public relations firm. Ms. Rogers said that a firm was not hired, but an individual with public relations experience provided services for approximately \$200.

Councilmember Allen noted that she recently made a presentation to the Lions Club concerning the proposed Rainbow Lake and other parkland conservation easements. She said that questionnaires were completed covering opinions and thoughts on the easements. The Council determined that several issues still needed to be discussed regarding the easements and agreed to discuss it again at the next agenda session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Bill Lusk, Mayor

  
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Recorder