

*****May 14, 2012*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

Also present were: Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
Town Recorder Mark Johnson
Town Manager Honna Rogers
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 9th regular meeting and May 1st agenda session were discussed. Councilmember Allen requested that two corrections be made to the April 9th minutes: 1) that under the 911 mapping presentation, the sentence *Mr. Stuermer said that he was unsure, but two previously unidentified addresses were noted during recent storms*, be amended to include *in Harrison, Tennessee*, as the unidentified addresses were not within the Town; and 2) that under the resolution authorizing a contract with the American Chestnut Foundation, the sentence *Mr. Long said that he was unsure, but Vice Mayor Robertson and Councilmember Allen had been looking for an appropriate place* be amended to say *...Vice Mayor Robertson and Tree Board member Barbara Womack had been looking for an appropriate place*. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the April 9th minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. There were no corrections, additions or deletions to the May 1st minutes, and they were therefore approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

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

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER DICK GEE, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ON THE HAMILTON COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER

TREATMENT AUTHORITY (WWTA) BOARD.” Mayor Lusk thanked Mr. Gee for his service. He moved and Vice Mayor Robertson seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHATTANOOGA MARKET TO OPERATE THE 2012 FALL HODGEPODGE.” Ms. Rogers explained that the Town has taken ownership of the annual Fall Hodgepodge, previously administered by the Friends of MACC. She noted that Chattanooga Market was selected through an RFP process. She said that the contract was still in development, but it would adhere to the RFP language. She added that in the first year, profits would be divided 55%/45% between the Town and Chattanooga Market, respectively, and the Town would pay for other minor expenses. She also noted that Chattanooga Market’s director is a Town resident. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

3. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CONSOLIDATED PIPE AND SUPPLY CO, INC FOR MATERIALS FOR A WATER LINE PROJECT ON KENTUCKY AVENUE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 05/100 DOLLARS (\$19,380.05).” Ms. Rogers explained that the project is primarily for the MACC, but it will also improve hydrant usability in the surrounding neighborhood. She noted that materials purchases for the project totaling approximately \$7,000 had already been made, and she asked Mr. Noblett if that would present a problem with approving the amount stated on the resolution amount above. Mr. Noblett said that because the other materials were purchased from a different vendor, it would pose no problem. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

4. “A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTION BY THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO TWO CHANGE ORDERS WITH ROYAL POOLS FOR ADDITIONAL POOL SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,540.00) DURING APRIL 2012 TO ALLOW THE TOWN POOL TO OPEN ON SCHEDULE AND THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE FOR POOL REPAIRS WITH ROYAL POOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$136,510.00) IS APPROVED.” Ms. Rogers and Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, explained that two unexpected repairs were needed related to lighting and lane rope anchors. Councilmember Wallace asked if these would be the final repair costs. Ms. Rogers replied they would be. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO PHALTLESS INC. FOR THE PAVING OF PRIMROSE WAY AND PRIMROSE CIRCLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY TWO AND 15/100 DOLLARS (\$272,592.15)." Pete Masic of Phaltless Inc., was present for the discussion. Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, explained that Full-Depth Reclamation, a different method of paving in which existing asphalt is ground and reformed onsite, will be used to repave the road. She noted that she had recently observed the process in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, and it worked well. Ms. Rogers said that the paving will cost more than normal, but only because it involves completely digging up and repaving the roadbed, which should last for 20 years. Ms. Hopper said that the process would also save a significant amount of time. Councilmember Wallace asked how long the paving would take. Mr. Masic said it would take about one week. Councilmember Gee asked if this method would be the standard from now on. Ms. Hopper said that it would depend on the condition of the subject road. Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

6. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 BASED UPON PREMIUMS NOT TO EXCEED \$281.98 PER MONTH FOR SINGLE COVERAGE AND \$734.56 PER MONTH FOR FAMILY COVERAGE." Ms. Rogers explained that the proposed premiums represent an approximate 7% reduction in premium costs. She related that the Town's insurance broker said that is the best rate he had seen for this area. She noted that the reduction reflected the lower overall age of staff and smaller number of claims as well as the success of the Town's wellness program. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

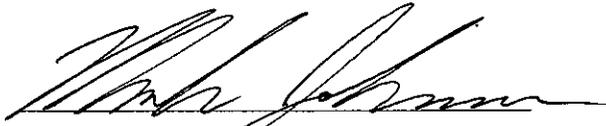
7. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON, MURPHEY & WRIGHT, P.C. TO AUDIT TOWN ACCOUNTS FROM JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012, AND TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL AUDITING SERVICES PERFORMED ON TOWN ACCOUNTS FOR THAT TIME PERIOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,150.00." Ms. Rogers and Mr. Johnson noted that the proposed fee represents an increase of about \$350. Mayor Lusk noted that this is one of only a few minor increases proposed in the past five years. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions

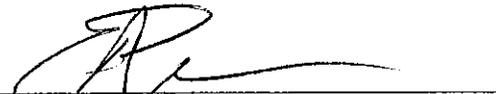
Councilmember Gee reminded citizens that the Town is in the middle of its budget process, and all meetings are open to the public.

Ms. Rogers announced that the June regular Council meeting would be held on June 18, 2012, instead of the regular second Monday of the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Bill Lusk, Mayor