

*****October 01, 2012*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 1, 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 Manager Honna Rogers
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
Town Recorder Carol White
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 September 10th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes the minutes were approved.

Beer Board

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended as the Council convened as the Beer Board to consider a request by Pruett's Market for approval of a beer tasting in its parking lot on October 27th. Tony Janazzie, acting as Pruett's craft beer support, explained that this event would consist of one-ounce pours for tasting a variety of craft beers. This event is to promote craft beers newly available at Pruett's. Mr. Janazzie said that I.D.'s would be checked. David Pruett stated that there is only one event scheduled at this time, but if it is a success there might be other marketing events like this in the future.

Town Manager Honna Rogers explained that currently Pruett's has an "off-site consumption only" permit and is requesting the permit be amended to add on-site. She explained that Pruett's meets the zoning setback requirements.

Town Attorney Phillip Noblett recommended that the Council issue a Special Event Permit rather than revising the current permit because the request is only for a one-time event.

Councilmember Gee made a motion to approve a Special Event Permit, with Vice Mayor Susan Robertson seconding the motion.

Councilmember Wallace asked about the security for the event and how people would be limited in the amount of beer they consume.

Mr. Noblett stated that the conditions of a Special Event Permit would be that there would be a limited number of one-ounce pours, a punch card system for verification, I.D.'s would be checked, that all consumption will be more than 500 feet away from any schools, churches, or places of gathering, and the hours of operation would be limited to 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Councilmember Allen asked that there be a maximum number of pours established. After discussion, the Council agreed to allow a maximum of ten one-ounce pours per person. Councilmember Wallace asked who would be checking I.D.'s. Mr. Janazzie explained that he would be responsible for that task.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience.

Joe Dumas, James Boulevard, thanked the Beer Board for approving Pruett's request for a Special Event Permit. He then asked the Council about the proposed Resolution adopting the Hamilton County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. He requested clarification as to what commitment would be required of the Town if the mitigation plan should be approved.

Town Manager Honna Rogers responded by explaining that it is a FEMA requirement that Hamilton County have a hazard mitigation program in place in case of a natural disaster. In 2004 the Town adopted the plan, and the proposed resolution is simply an update to that plan. There are no changes in the proposed Resolution for the Town from the 2004 Resolution. She provided some examples of the Town's responsibilities. These include trying to reduce the occurrence of power and communication outages during severe winds by working to trim dead trees in the right-of-ways, helping to reduce mud slides and erosion through stormwater efforts, and working with TDOT to place warning signs for fog conditions. She stated that the mitigation program deals primarily with public works and stormwater to prepare the Town should a natural disaster occur. She explained that if every municipality in Hamilton County does not adopt the plan, the County would not be eligible for FEMA funding.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF MARTHA SWASEY AND RECOGNIZING HER LEGACY TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE AND ITS CITIZENS."

Following a reading of the proposed resolution by Vice Mayor Robertson, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Robertson to approve the resolution. Mayor Bill Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR FIRE HYDRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY TWO AND 26/100 DOLLARS (\$89,942.26) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Mayor Lusk explained that the hydrants must be purchased and installed to bring the newly annexed areas up to Town standards, which require placement every 500 feet. The project is required under the Town's Plan of Services for Windtree and Fox Run, and the cost is designated in the current Town budget. Honna Rogers explained that there would be an additional cost for Walden's Ridge Utility District to install the hydrants, which is estimated to be under \$50,000. She said the purchase and installation of these hydrants will actually be less than the \$180,000 budgeted.

Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Gee seconded the motion that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR FIRE HOSE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 17/100 DOLLARS (\$15,719.17) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Honna Rogers explained that the hose is a part of the equipment expense for the new fire truck, and it is budgeted in the Vehicle Replacement Fund. Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Gee seconded the motion that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR FIRE NOZZLES AND FIRE HOSE APPLIANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOUR AND 62/100 DOLLARS (\$16,504.62) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Allen seconded the motion that the resolution be approved. Mayor Lusk explained that the nozzles and appliances are also budgeted items. The motion passed unanimously.

5. "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AND SUBMITTING SUCH PLAN TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR ANY POTENTIAL DISASTERS AFFECTING THE TOWN."

Councilmember Allen asked about the provision to work with utility companies to bury power lines. She wondered if there were funds available for that purpose. Ms. Rogers explained that she had attended an EPB meeting recently where this idea was discussed. Although EPB is encouraging developers to bury lines, they are not burying existing lines due to cost.

Councilmember Allen asked if there were any grants available that would allow the Town to partner with utility companies to bury existing lines. Ms. Rogers agreed to look into that possibility.

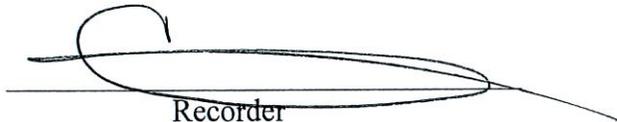
Councilmember Wallace noted that Alexian Village was identified as a vulnerable population and asked if there were any other vulnerable populations within the Town. Chief Vlaisis stated that the schools and churches, when occupied, would be classified as vulnerable. He explained, however, that the Town's emergency services personnel had already identified these populations.

Councilmember Allen moved and Councilmember Wallace seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder