

*****February 11, 2013*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 11, 2013, 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.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 14th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the February 4th special agenda meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Lusk welcomed County Commissioner Jim Fields to the meeting.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience. There being no citizen comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO G. MEEKS CONSTRUCITON LLC FOR A WATER BORE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$21,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Mayor Lusk read the resolution. Honna Rogers explained that Walden Ridge Utility District will be responsible for 50% of this amount. Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Gee seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion carried.

2. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSHUA ROGERS AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PARKS BOARD."

Councilmember Gee read the resolution and motioned to approve it. Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. All members being in favor, the motion carried.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CTI ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$99,800.00) DOLLARS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE JAMES BOULEVARD RESURFACING TIPS PROJECT."

Mayor Lusk read the resolution. Honna Rogers explained that the contract is for engineering services for the James Boulevard TIPS project. This project will be funded by a matching grant: 80% federal highway funds from the state and 20% from Town State Street Aid funds. She explained that this project is to resurface the concrete portion of James Boulevard between Mississippi and Ohio.

Councilmember Wallace inquired if these engineering costs were within the normal range for a project of this kind. Ms. Rogers explained that the normal engineering costs would be around 10% of the total project costs. However, TDOT has a new requirement for construction engineering (CEI) which requires a TDOT certified engineer to be on-site each day any work is performed on the project. The CEI is what causes the percentage to be higher.

Actual construction is expected to begin after the completion of the Alexian construction, which is scheduled to end spring 2014.

Councilmember Gee made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

Ms. Rogers presented Council with a second agreement for engineering services not to exceed \$4,700 for conceptual designs for six different scenarios to preserve the historic nature of the boulevard such as replacing the trolley tracks partially or entirely, placing commemorative pavers, plaques, or other such measure. Normally a contract of this amount would not be brought before Council; however, Ms. Rogers explained she wanted the Council's input and advice as to which options might be best. After extensive discussion, it was decided to remove the paver option and to consider a planted median instead.

Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the contract including the median instead of the pavers. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. All members being in favor, the motion passed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, TITLE 11, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 807 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Mayor Lusk explained that this was a second reading of this ordinance which will allow climbing or rappelling on private property within the Town. Councilmember Gee made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Robertson inquired if the Tort Liability Limitation would protect the Town if it should allow climbing on public property. Ms. Rogers explained Mr. Noblett and MTAS attorneys had determined that the Recreation Statute previously presented by climbers did not protect the Town from liability.

The Mayor called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions

The Mayor explained that at the previous work session he had informed the Council that due to his travel schedule, he was stepping down from his position on the Planning Commission. At that time he had asked for volunteers to replace him. Vice Mayor Robertson and Councilmember Wallace had expressed interest in filling this position.

While the Town's Charter allows the Mayor to make an appointment to this Commission, he wished to have the Council's approval of his choice of replacement. He thanked both Vice Mayor Robertson and Councilmember Wallace for their interest and willingness to volunteer. He proposed that due to Vice Mayor Robertson's depth of knowledge and experience, he would like to appoint her to take over his seat.

Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve this appointment. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried with four votes in favor with Councilmember Wallace opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder