

\*\*\*\*\*May 20, 2013\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 10:00 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  
Police Chief, Boyd Veal  
Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

The June 10, 2013 regular meeting agenda was discussed as follows:

- Public Hearing – proposed FY 2013-2014 Budget.
- Honorary Resolutions Recognizing Arbor Day Poster Winners.
- Resolution to Appoint Members to the Conservation Easement Working Group.
- Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapters 1 & 2, “Intoxicating Liquors and Beer” (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).
- FY 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).
- FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment (1<sup>st</sup> Reading).

### **Resolution**

1. “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, 2013 BASED UPON PREMIUMS NOT TO EXCEED \$282.27 PER MONTH FOR SINGLE COVERAGE AND \$730.50 PER MONTH FOR FAMILY COVERAGE.”

Honna Rogers, Town Manager, presented the Council with a memo and spreadsheet explaining the impact on the Town’s finances of the various insurance rates proposed for FY 2013-2014. Ms. Rogers explained that there is a 15% rate increase for the current BCBS Network P coverage that is currently provided by the Town. An alternative to BCBS Network P is BCBS Network S. Switching to Network S could offer considerable savings to the town with minimal impact on employees. However, there is a small number of doctors that some town employees use who will not be included in Network S.

After extensive discussion, the Council determined that it is in the best interest in the Town and its employees to switch to BCBS Network S as long as those employees who wish to stay with Network P be allowed to do so should they choose to pay the difference in the monthly premiums.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Robertson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

### Ordinance

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, CHAPTER 5, "SIGN REGULATIONS" IN THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY CERTAIN SECTIONS RELATING TO SIGNS AND SIGNAGE."

Following an introduction of the ordinance by Vice Mayor Robertson, the Mayor read the caption and asked for a motion. Vice Mayor Robertson made a motion to approve the second reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. All being in favor, the motion passed.

Ms. Rogers presented the Council with a spreadsheet listing certain changes they had requested to the FY 2013-14 budget presented at their last meeting. They discussed construction projects needed at the MACC. Ms. Rogers stated that a quote for a preliminary plan of construction and the related cost estimate for MACC repairs are to be presented to the MACC in the following week. There is, however, a quote for repairs to the parking lot that is \$10,000 over the current staff estimate. The Council agreed to increase the budget for this amount, but wait for the construction plan estimate before making any decisions regarding further changes to the MACC 2013-2014 budget.

Additionally, Council requested that the budget be amended to reflect the anticipated decrease in health insurance costs anticipated by the switch to BCBS Network S.

Ms. Rogers informed Council that under new state regulations, Signal Mountain qualifies as a possible site for a distillery. The Council has a one-time opportunity to deny any future distillery operations within the town. However, after some discussion, the Council reached a consensus to remain open to any possible opportunities allowed by the state since existing zoning already controls whether or not distilleries can exist in the town.

Chief Veal presented the Council with an analysis of the Town's alcohol ordinances. After reviewing a change in hours proposed for package sales of beer, the Council agreed to proceed to read the ordinance at the next meeting.

The Council asked that the agenda for the next meeting include appointing members to the Conservation Easement Working Group. Councilmember Allen pointed out that the Land Trust for Tennessee has set up a tax deductible donation fund to finance surveys,

title costs, etc. associated with the costs of protecting parklands in the Town. She stressed the need for publicity for this purpose.

Vice Mayor Robertson motioned that Councilmember Allen serve as Council liaison to the Conservation Easement Working Group. The Mayor seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion carried.

Ms. Rogers announced that the Council would need a second meeting in June in order to have the second and final reading of the budget ordinances. She agreed to send the Council several dates in order to assure a quorum.

Councilmember Gee informed Ms. Rogers that there is no road sign at Middle Creek and Timberlinks. Ms. Rogers agreed to have staff replace the missing sign.

Councilmember Wallace asked if there was a way that Council could set up a regular schedule for agenda meetings. It was determined that this would be a subject to take up with the new Town Manager.

Councilmember Wallace also requested that there be better placement of signage and orange cones placed out on Shoal Creek Road when it is closed on Sundays.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Bill Lusk, Mayor  
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Recorder