

*****June 10, 2013*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 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: Interim Town Manager Boyd Veal
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 May 13th regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Wallace requested a correction: to identify Chris Clem who was listed as Chris Clemmons in the second paragraph on the first page. Once corrected, this sentence then read: *“Mayor Lusk welcomed County Commissioner Jim Fields and Chris Clem, former State Representative and current attorney for the WWTA and Election Commission, to the meeting.”* The minutes were approved as amended.

The minutes for the May 20th special agenda meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Lusk welcomed County Commissioner Jim Fields and Betty and Ed Lusk, who were in attendance.

Presentation

Ms. Barbara Womack updated the Council and the community on the Tree Board’s “Save the Hemlocks” initiative that is combating the Woolly Adelgid that is infecting native hemlock trees on Walden’s Ridge. A copy of her presentation is attached.

Public Hearing

Interim Town Manager, Boyd Veal, opened the public hearing on the FY 2013-2014 Budget. Mr. Veal informed the Council and audience that the budget is balanced with revenue projections of \$6,217,940.00. Mr. Veal explained that a revenue increase of approximately \$310,000.00 is primarily attributable to the annexation of Fox Run and Windtree subdivisions. Budgeted expenditures have increased by just over \$50,000.00.

Councilmember Gee asked what percentage of reserve to fund balance is available. Mayor Lusk explained that the Town has almost a 70% reserve to budget.

Vice Mayor Robertson asked if the Public Works facility construction was included in this budget. Mr. Veal explained that it is not included. When the final construction estimates are completed, the Town will pass a capital projects budget for this facility.

Presentation

Mayor Lusk presented his Annual State of Town report to the Council and the residents in attendance. A copy is attached.

Citizen Comments

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

Beer Board

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended for the Council to convene as the Beer Board. After a general discussion regarding current Town ordinances relating to the prohibited hours of sale for both packaged sales and on-site consumption of beer and liquor, the regular meeting was reconvened.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING SAMMY SMITH, AS WINNER OF THE NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST FOR 2013."

Councilmember Wallace read the resolution in its entirety. Vice Mayor Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed. In that Sammy was not present, Mr. Wallace assured the audience that along with the proclamation, she will also receive a potted tree seedling.

2. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING NELSON HAYSLETT, AS WINNER OF THE NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST FOR 2013."

Councilmember Wallace read the resolution in its entirety. Vice Mayor Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed. Mr. Wallace assured the audience that Nelson would receive a potted seedling along with his proclamation too.

3. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATHERINE HARRELL TO REPLACE EARL ROTHBERGER, JR. AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S TREE BOARD."

Councilmember Wallace made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Gee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLAIRE GREISINGER, CORRINE GIAGNORIO, CHERYL CARICO, EVA SANDER-CONWELL, WILLIAM FRONK, RON GALANTE, CLIFF HENRY AND BRITT REYNOLDS AS MEMBERS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENTITLED "CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Robertson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE SECTION 8-111 AND 8-204, TO CHANGE THE HOURS REGULATED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND BEER IN THE TOWN."

Councilmember Gee made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of this ordinance was passed.

2. AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2013-2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE", TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, AND APPROPRIATING SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DURING SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of this ordinance was passed.

3. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2012-6, ENTITLED THE "FY 2012-2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES RECEIVED IN THIS BUDGET YEAR.

Mayor Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of this ordinance was passed.

4. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, TITLE 14, CHAPTER 5, "SIGN REGULATIONS", SECTION 14-510, "TYPES OF SIGNS", SUBSECTION (3) ENTITLED "WALL SIGN"."

Vice Mayor Robertson made a motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of this ordinance was passed.

Other Business

Councilmember Gee informed Council that he had received compliments on how smoothly and efficiently the current re-paving project had been accomplished.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder