

*****June 21, 2013*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, June 21, 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 Chris Dorsey
Police Chief, Boyd Veal
Town Recorder Carol White
Judge Barry Steelman
See attached list for others present

Oath of Office

Judge Barry Steelman swore in recently hired Town Manager, Christopher J. Dorsey.

Greg Wilson, Senior Project Manager for Consolidated Technologies, Inc. (CTI) presented the Council with preliminary estimates of costs associated with the James Boulevard reconstruction project. Following extensive discussion of the various options, the Council agreed to hold a public input meeting in early August to review the information and solicit comments and suggestions related to the project.

Ron Parimore requested that Council adjust a water bill he has received for a duplex he owns on Palisades Drive. Mr. Parimore stated that he had found a small leak in a pipe in the crawlspace, but he does not believe this leak was large enough to justify the extensive water usage measured by the meter.

William Sanders, Public Utility Director, informed the Council that as a result of the reported water usage, he had the meter pulled, replaced, and sent out for testing at an independent laboratory. The test results showed that the meter was performing at optimum levels and was not defective. Mr. Sanders reported that the exterior water line between the house and the meter is not defective either.

Following discussion, the Council requested that Mr. Parimore have his water lines pressure-tested by a licensed plumber. Depending on the test results, the Council will determine if authorizing an adjustment to Mr. Parimore's bill is appropriate.

Ordinance

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 ordinance on second reading. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second 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.

Town Manager Chris Dorsey informed the Council of his concern relative to the use of fund balances to finance Sanitation and Stormwater. He explained that the use of fund balance to support recurring expenditures could impact revenue resources next year.

Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the second reading of the budget ordinance. Councilmember Gee seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second 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.

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

The July 8, 2013 regular meeting agenda was discussed as follows:

- Recognizing MACC personnel for the success of the Signal Mountain Music Festival.
- Recognizing the achievement of John Hayden Hicks.
- Authorizing the purchase of a Public Works dump truck.

Councilmember Gee announced that the WWTa has authorized \$5 million for the lateral line improvement program. The portion budgeted for work in Signal Mountain is \$926,316.03. Additionally, Councilmember Gee informed the Council that the town of East Ridge has filed a law suit against the WWTa. Chris Clem, attorney for WWTa, suggests it is possible that a subpoena will be issued to the town to discuss its policy regarding road cuts.

Councilmember Gee asked the Council to begin considering additional traffic signalization on Taft Highway to create intervals in the traffic flow.

Mayor Lusk informed the Council that the TPO's 2040 Long Range Transportation plan was approved last Tuesday. The plan includes several sidewalk projects for Signal Mountain. In addition, the TPO approved \$13 million in funding for option #1 improvements to Signal Mountain Boulevard. Option #1 addresses drainage issues, rock falls, and certain other improvements. The work is expected to be completed by 2020.

Councilmember Allen asked that the Council schedule a strategic planning session in September. She suggested that Honna Rogers be invited to mediate the session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Recorder



Bill Lusk, Mayor