

*****October 14, 2013*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 14, 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 Chris Dorsey
 Town Attorney Phillip Noblett
 Town Recorder Carol White
 See attached list for others present

Mayor Bill Lusk led the pledge of allegiance. Phillip Noblett, Town Attorney, gave the invocation.

Mayor Lusk welcomed County Commissioner Jim Fields to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes for the September 9th regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Gee made a motion to approve the minutes with the deletion of the last sentence in the fourth paragraph on page 3: "Ms. Allen explained that the Planning Commission would provide oversight as to whether or not an area qualifies as 'culturally or historically significant.'" Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the minutes were approved as amended.

The minutes for the September 30th special agenda meeting were presented. There were two minor corrections due to typographical errors which did not change the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved with these corrections.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience.

Eric McLean, Ohio Avenue, presented the Council with photos of two large trees located in town rights-of-way near his property. He expressed his belief that these trees are compromised and could fall across the road and onto adjacent utility lines. He requested the Town remove the trees. At Mayor Lusk's request, Mr. Dorsey will look into the situation and get back with Mr. McLean.

Additionally, Mr. McLean stated that speeding on Ohio Avenue is excessive, especially when shifts change at the Alexian Village. He requested the speed limit be lowered to 15 mph and signage indicating "Hikers Present" be placed on the roadway down from the Rainbow Lake entrance. Mr. McLean requested that a speed dolly be placed on Ohio, the number of speeding vehicles be counted, and the data made available. Mayor Lusk

agreed to meet with the CEO of the Alexian to see if there is any way they can help address the problem.

Mr. McLean also informed the Council that an illegal parking area was in the town right-of-way. Police Chief Boyd Veal agreed to investigate.

Linda McLean, Ohio Avenue, informed the Council that the fence surrounding the parking area for Rainbow Lake has deteriorated and is falling apart.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TENNESEA CLEAN WATER PROJECT TO ASSIST WITH PUBLIC STORMWATER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION."

Mayor Lusk read the resolution. Mr. Dorsey explained that this resolution will allow the town to hire Mary Beth Sutton to assist with the Stormwater Management Program, water monitoring, and the outreach and education the town needs to achieve compliance with its NPDES small MS4 permit. Additionally, this resolution will place a \$5,000.00 per fiscal year cap on the contract.

Mayor Lusk asked why it is important to be in compliance. Mr. Dorsey explained that the town is not part of Hamilton County's Stormwater program. Therefore, we have to do our own public outreach and education. The town monitors discharges into local streams and investigates reports of groundwater contamination. Additionally, the town provides public education about septic systems.

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

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER AND TO ADD A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SUCH POSITION TO THE TOWN'S COMPENSATION AND PAY PLAN, AS PRESCRIBED BY ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, (AND TO DESIGNATE BOYD VEAL AS ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER).

Mayor Lusk read the resolution. Mr. Dorsey explained that this resolution will allow him to appoint Police Chief Boyd Veal to the position of Assistant Town Manager. Mr. Dorsey informed the Council that Chief Veal is very knowledgeable and is a valuable asset.

The resolution also authorizes Chief Veal, as the assistant town manager, to "exercise all of the powers and perform the duties of Town Manager in his/her

temporary absence or disability,” as prescribed by the Town Charter Article V, Section 2.

After discussion, the caption was changed by addition of the words: “and to designate Boyd Veal as Assistant Town Manager” at the end of the last sentence.

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

Ordinances

1. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5-506, PRORATION OF ANNUAL FEES.”

Mayor Lusk read the caption of the ordinance. Councilmember Gee made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. The motion to approve the first reading of this ordinance passed unanimously.

2. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CLARIFY LANGUAGE IN THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, APPENDIX-A-1 THROUGH A-89 OF THE “SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE” RELATING TO ARTICLE III, DEFINITIONS AND CERTAIN TERMS USED HEREIN; ARTICLE VI, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AND ARTICLE VIII, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS.”

Mayor Lusk read the caption of the ordinance. Councilmember Allen explained that the Planning Commission had passed new subdivision regulations this spring. Hence, the Town’s zoning must be amended to support the new regulations. Councilmember Allen explained that conservation subdivision design is incentivized by the new subdivision regulations, which require smaller setbacks and relaxed lot sizes.

Councilmember Allen made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Robertson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the second reading of this ordinance passed with a vote of 4 to 1, with Councilmember Wallace opposed.

Action on James Boulevard Resurfacing Project

Mr. Dorsey presented the Council with various options for resurfacing James Boulevard comprised of preliminary estimates of probable costs previously requested by the Council (copy of handout is attached). Greg Wilson, CTI Engineering answered questions from the Council and audience members.

Mr. Wilson was asked to provide additional cost estimates to place rails only corner to corner (Riverpoint Road and James all the way to the corner of Signal Point Road and James), cost estimates for using standard concrete or river gravel and sand, and to provide additional information on tinting options.

Other Business

Councilmember Gee informed the Council that Alexandria Ricks has applied for membership on the MACC Board. Councilmember Gee requested the Council's authorization to have her attend meetings immediately. The Council agreed and requested that a resolution appointing her be placed on agenda for the next regular meeting.

Councilmember Wallace reminded all present that the Homecoming Parade will be held this Thursday.

Town Manager Chris Dorsey informed the Council that the contractor hired to perform the emergency road repair on Wood Sorrell in the Fox Run subdivision had been delayed by his unavailability. Public Works staff has covered the break with a large steel plate for safety and has been monitoring the culvert. They have determined that the road is safe at this time. In the meantime, staff, working with the contractor, has found a more cost effective method to fix the problem. Since there is only one road into the subdivision, the road cannot be closed to traffic. The new method will entail sliding a new concrete culvert inside the existing rusted-out culvert and filling the space between the two. The town will purchase the new culvert and then the contractor will do the installation. The current estimate for the installation is \$8,220.00 plus the cost of the pipe.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder