

*****February 10, 2014*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014, 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 Bill Lusk led the pledge of allegiance. Boyd Veal, Interim Town Manager, gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 10th special agenda meeting were presented. Councilmember Allen requested one change to the minutes. The correction is on page 11, seventh paragraph so that the correction reads: "...The Council decided to review these issues at the regular meeting of January 13, 2014." All present being in favor, the minutes were approved as amended.

The minutes for the January 13th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience.

Eric McLean, Ohio Avenue, requested that the Town remove two dead trees across the street from his property. He provided the Council with pictures of the trees and explained that this was his second request. Boyd Veal, Interim Town Manager explained that staff had previously examined the trees and determined that they are alive. However, Mr. Veal stated that staff would re-examine the trees. Next, Mr. McLean asked that the Town pay attention to its street signs because there are many street signs that need to be replaced. He provided examples of two locations and stated that many other signs are mildewed and look terrible. He also noted that all the signs behind the Cleaners need to be replaced. In addition, Mr. McLean said that the Alexian has created a parking lot on the street right-of-way on Ohio. Furthermore, he said that there is a litter problem on Mississippi Avenue due to construction workers. Mr. McLean expressed his concern about speeding during shift changes at the Alexian, Village. Mayor Lusk replied he would send a letter to Alexian and request they address this issue with their employees. Finally, Mr. McLean recommended that the Council should only hire a long term resident as the next Town Manager.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Beer Board

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended for the Council to convene as the Beer Board.

The Council considered a beer permit application from Sally Beth Caldwell for Niño's Pasteria. Councilmember Allen made a motion to accept the application. Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

The Council then considered a beer permit application from Travis Close for The Tap Wagon. Mr. Close explained that this application is for a refrigerated beer trailer which would be rented out and set up on private property. It would be stored off the mountain. Mayor Bill Lusk made a motion to approve the application. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KERRY LANSFORD AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS."

Councilmember Gee motioned to approve the resolution. Mayor Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD HUFFINES AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S TREE BOARD."

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

3. "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT THAT CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND RELATED EXPENDITURES BE REIMBURSED FROM PROCEEDS OF NOTES, BONDS, OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS TO BE ISSUED BY THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE."

Mayor Lusk explained that this resolution is needed in the event that the Town chooses to expend funds for the public works facility prior to the issuance of bonds or loans. This resolution enables the Town to be reimbursed for associated expenditures.

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

Ordinance

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CLARIFY DEFINITIONS FOR "BUILDABLE AREA", SETBACK (S)" AND "YARD (S)" IN ARTICLES III, V IV, VI, VIII VII, XI AND XII OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, APPENDIX A, IN SECTIONS 303, 503-505, 602, 604-611, 614, 803, 809-813, 816, 1103 AND 1200 OF THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT ZONING TERMS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE TOWN."

Vice Mayor Robertson explained that there were two typographical errors in the caption of the Ordinance. She requested that "Article IV" be corrected to read "Article V" and that "Article VII" be corrected to read "Article VIII." These changes correct only the caption. The section numbers are correct as written.

Vice Mayor Robertson made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the Ordinance passed.

Discussions

Councilmember Wallace asked how the Town Manager search is going to proceed. Mayor Lusk expressed his dissatisfaction with the process used in the last search. He further stated that due to the financial impact to the Town for the payment of the three month severance to the previous Town Manager, that Interim Town Manager Boyd Veal remain as interim until the Council determines the best way to proceed.

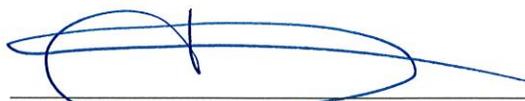
Councilmember Wallace stated that the Town is blessed to have Mr. Veal, but expressed concern if that type of open-ended agreement is fair to Mr. Veal or the Town.

Mayor Lusk requested that the subject be placed on the next agenda meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Lusk, Mayor



Recorder