

*****July 14, 2014*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 14, 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: 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. Town Attorney Phil Noblett gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the April 22nd special agenda meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the May 12th regular meeting were presented. There were two minor word corrections, which did not change the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The minutes for the May 23rd 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 as corrected.

The minutes for the June 9th regular meeting were presented. There was one word correction, which did not change the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience.

Ross Clingan, Arden Way, addressed the Council regarding speeding in Hidden Brook. He asked what plans the Town has to curtail speeders. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that the Town has tried several methods to address the situation. The Police Department have increased patrols in the area and have used a speed dolly. Mr. Veal agreed to review other options including speed bumps and present his findings to the Council at a future work session.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ROBERT BARRON AND GAMETIME, A PLAYCORE COMPANY FOR THEIR GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, THAT RESULTED IN THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TOWN HALL PLAYGROUND."

Councilmembers also thanked Recreation Board Secretary Tom Turner and Recreation Director Jarred Thompson.

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

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROLS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN AUGUST OF 2014."

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

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH O. KAREN POOL FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE TOWN OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1116 JAMES BOULEVARD, PARCEL NUMBER 108A D 0040.00, AS RECORDED IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGISTER OR DEEDS OFFICE, BOOK 1227, PAGE 459 TOGETHER WITH ALL STRUCTURES, FIXTURES, LANDSCAPING, IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$115,000.00) DOLLARS, PLUS TITLE AND TAXES."

Mr. Veal gave a brief synopsis of the process of securing an inspection and an appraisal of the property, both of which he had already e-mailed to council members. The property appraised at \$120,000.00 and an offer of \$115,000 for the property has been accepted.

Councilmember Gee stated his opposition to the purchase of the property. He expressed his opinion that a second appraisal of the property should be performed as he does not believe the purchase price reflects the real value of the property. Councilmember Gee stated that the age of the buildings and a review of the inspection performed caused him to wonder how the appraisal company came up with the stated valuation. He further stated that he couldn't imagine anyone would buy the property since it is surrounded by Town property including large water tanks.

Mayor Lusk stated that he too had some reservations after he compared the appraisal to the inspection. This concern led him to personally inspect the property and, as a result, he now supports its purchase.

Vice Mayor Robertson asked Councilmember Gee if he had visited the property. Councilmember Gee stated that he had not.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Robertson seconded the motion. A majority being in favor, the motion was approved. Councilmember Gee voted in opposition.

Mayor Lusk welcomed County Commissioner Jim Fields to the meeting. In addition he introduced Chris Howley who is running for Town Council and Sandy Lusk who is running for State Executive Committee.

Discussions

Mayor Lusk introduced a discussion of the "Take Me Home Program". He explained that this program helps identify disabled individuals who may become lost. This program is voluntary and free of charge. He stated that caregivers could submit pictures, background information, contact lists, etc., to the local police agencies.

Acting Police Chief Scott Ogradowczyk explained that there was also another program associated with this one called "A Child Is Missing". This program goes beyond an Amber Alert System as it is not just geared for abducted children, but for any child or disabled adult who is missing. Chief Ogradowczyk explained that once an individual is reported missing, police agencies can immediately send out alerts. A computer system is activated that generates automated telephone calls to every residence within the geographic area surrounding the last known location of the individual. The system can generate 1,000 phone calls in 60 seconds. The automated calls can give the relevant information and ask residents to inspect their home-grounds in case the missing individual might be in their area.

The Council agreed to sign up to be included in the Take Me Home Program. Mr. Veal stated that the Town is already in the process of registering, and that he will keep the Council informed on the initial process and the time frame to make an announcement regarding the implementation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Susan Robertson, Vice Mayor



Recorder