

\*\*\*\*\*August 11, 2014\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Vice Mayor Susan Robertson  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Dick Gee

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Phillip Noblett  
Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Vice Mayor Susan Robertson led the pledge of allegiance. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation.

### Minutes

The minutes for the June 27<sup>th</sup> special agenda meeting were presented. There were three minor word corrections that did not change the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The minutes for the July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented. There were two minor corrections due to typographical errors that did not change the substance of the minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### Citizen Comments

Vice Mayor Robertson invited comments from the audience.

Gracie and Ellie Tomisek, Albert Road, presented a letter asking the Council to give as much attention, time and funding to girl's softball fields as is given to boy's baseball fields. (Handout attached that was read by the girls.) Town Attorney Phil Noblett explained that Title IX regulates federal funding and is not germane to the Town. Mr. Veal stated that the point was very well taken and that staff will look into the issues that have been raised. Councilmember Gee commended the girls for having the courage to come before the Council and speak out.

John Newman, Arden Way, has been a resident since 2006. He stated that he has three boys and that there are 29 children on Arden Way between Hidden Brook Lane and Windy Way. Mr. Newman said that there are often speeders on this road and asked the Council to consider methods to slow traffic at a couple of locations down the street from his home.

Councilmember Gee asked Mr. Newman how he feels about speed bumps. Mr. Newman said that he does not like speed bumps, but that strategically placed in a couple of spots, speed bumps could eliminate the speeding problem.

Mr. Veal explained that staff is working to present a comprehensive speeding reduction package that will offer the greatest effect in the area to the Council at a future meeting. He said that in the meantime there have been increased police patrols and that new speed limit signs will go up soon.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

### **Presentations**

Fire Chief Eric Mitchell presented to the Council and audience members an overview of the Fire Department's 5-Year Strategic Plan (see minutes of the August 1<sup>st</sup> agenda session for copy of the plan).

Councilmember Gee stated that this was one of the best strategic plans that he has seen. He commended Chief Mitchell and the department for a great job. Councilmember Allen thanked all the staff for their hard work on this plan. She noted that a lot of thought had been put into the plan. Vice Mayor Robertson thanked the staff and stated that it is an excellent plan.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "DRIVER SAFETY" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2014."

Mr. Veal explained that this is a grant that the Town applies for each year. This grant pays 100% of the driver history checks performed on all employees who drive Town vehicles. He stated that this grant can also pay for driver training and GPS units.

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

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) AUTOMATED SIDE LOADING GARBAGE COLLECTION TRUCK CONSISTING OF A 2015 FREIGHTLINER M2106 CHASSIS AND BRIDGEPORT RANGER BODY, FROM CMI EQUIPMENT SALES, OF NASHVILLE, TN, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (\$177,574.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.

Mr. Veal explained that this vehicle is a scheduled replacement in the Vehicle Replacement Plan for this year. He stated that the Town has seen increased service time on the current garbage truck, which has been out of service for 34 days so far in 2014. He explained that when the automated truck is out of service it requires three people to operate the backup manual truck. The result has been an additional 544 work hours so far this year. Mr. Veal stated that this bid is under the budgeted amount for the purchase of this truck.

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

### Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 3-110, OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL COURT COSTS."

Mr. Veal explained that this ordinance updates the municipal court costs structure and levels that were last set in 2007. The primary difference is that suggested costs have been reviewed by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), and changes have been made to the formatting of the ordinance to refer to the Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA). Mr. Veal stated that this revision includes an increase to base court costs. However, he said that this still positions the Town at the mid-point when compared to court costs of other local municipal courts. He informed the Council that Mr. Noblett had reviewed the ordinance.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Robertson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, CHAPTER 5, "SIGN REGULATIONS", IN THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY CERTAIN SECTIONS RELATING TO SUBDIVISION/ RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ENTRANCE SIGNAGE AND FEATURES.

Vice Mayor Robertson explained that the Design Review Commission has recommended that the council amend the Sign Regulations to dovetail with the Subdivision Regulations, which require that entrance signs and features be included on a developer's plat. The DRC did a study of existing subdivision entrance features and signage in the town and found that 90% of them are on Town rights-of-way. This ordinance requires that entrance features and signage in new developments be included on a developer's plat and out of Town rights-of-way.

Councilmember Allen motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Vice Mayor Robertson seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

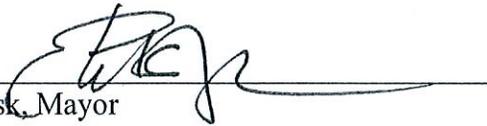
Discussions

Councilmember Gee informed the Council that the Playhouse had a glorious presentation of *The King and I*. He estimates that over 3,000 people attended. The lead was sung and performed by the world famous bass baritone opera singer Seth Carico, who lived in Signal Mountain for many years. Councilmember Gee stated that there were many talented and notable performers. He also thanked Daniel Givens for getting the theater ready for the performance.

Councilmember Gee also spoke about the play *Twisted Roots* which was performed at the MACC. The story is based on poems written by Emma Bell Miles who is also a previous resident of Signal Mountain. Councilmember Gee stated that this fantastic performance was attended by over 300 people.

Vice Mayor Robertson informed the Council of the opening of Gallery 5 at the MACC. She stated that there is currently a wonderful showing of portrait and nightscapes by Michael Field. Previous showings have featured artists who work at the MACC. Future showings will include other local artists. Carolyn Wright, a local watercolorist, will be featured in mid-September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Bill Lusk, Mayor

  
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Recorder