

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Dick Gee
Vice Mayor Bill Wallace
Councilmember Chris Howley
Councilmember Bill Lusk

Others present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the June 8, 2015 regular meeting.

Town Manager Boyd Veal informed the Council that Shoal Creek Falls bridge is in poor condition and has been on the radar for some time. He said that TDOT did an evaluation on the bridge and have now offered a 98% grant to fund repairs on this bridge.

Public Works Director Loretta Hopper explained that this is a small bridge originally built in 1975. She said that when TDOT inspected the bridge in March 2014 it was listed as poor and received a sufficiency rating of 39.3. She explained that ratings below 50 qualify for replacement, and that a bridge grant was approved in January 2015. She stated that the Town has been requesting grant funding from TDOT but had been unsuccessful until this new grant was offered.

Ms. Hopper explained that the Town placed a RFQ for engineers and have selected Professional Engineering Services (PES) out of Sparta and that the State has issues approval of the contract. Ms. Hopper explained that later on the agenda, the Council will be asked to approve preliminary engineering costs not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Mr. Kyle Hazel, engineer for PES, explained to the Council the engineering and construction process. He said that the construction portion will be approximately \$400,000.00 for a total projected cost of \$450,000.00. Mr. Hazel estimates the Towns portion of the costs will be around \$9,200.00.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 0/100 (\$50,000) DOLLARS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE ON SHOAL CREEK FALLS LANE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

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

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ACCOUNTEMPS FOR TEMPORARY LABOR FOR THE BILLING CLERK POSITION IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR LABOR SERVICES PERFORMED FOR THE TOWN WATER DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS NO/100 (\$16,000.00)."

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

Discussion

Mr. Veal said that research on the Fairview ROW abandonment had found that while this is an unused unopened right-of-way, there is a water line that runs within it. He said that Jordan Clark of SETDD had spoken to the property owners who requested the abandonment and they have agreed to provide an easement for the utilities through that area. Upon agreement by the Council, Mr. Veal said he will have this item added to the next agenda for the Council's approval.

Mr. Veal provided the Council with a memo regarding proposed changes to the minimum lot size in existing subdivisions. He explained that this change is proposed for minor subdivisions. Councilmember Lusk asked that the word "minor" be included in the proposed language so that it will read "The minimum lot size within an existing minor subdivision..." Mr. Veal said he will ask Mr. Clark if this language pertains to an existing subdivision or the act of subdivision. Mayor Gee stated that the Planning Commission will be looking at this at their meeting on Thursday night.

Councilmember Lusk said that this discussion does not include the other issue of recovering abandoned lot lines. He asked if the Planning Commission is recommending that language not be included in this ordinance amendment. Mayor Gee said that he would make sure that issue is raised at the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Veal provided the Council with a spreadsheet that shows the changes made in the budget since the presentation on April 24th. He briefly explained each of the changes.

Other Business

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the library renovations are ready to move forward. He said the Town has received a contribution from the Mountain Library Foundation for \$10,000.00 to cover the initial costs for the architectural drawings. He said the total project cost estimate is \$100,000.00 of which \$60,000.00 is for construction. Mr. Veal explained that all the funds for this renovation have been raised through donations to the Foundation.

Mr. Veal said the Town has just received a quote for asphalt speed humps, which came in very close to the engineer's estimate. He said he spoke to the traffic engineer about whether one or two speed humps were needed on Middle Creek. He stated that they think one would be acceptable and they recommended taking out the one nearest to Timberlinks and shifting the other a little. He also stated that the engineer does not recommend putting a 4 way stop at Cool Springs and Hidden Brook intersection. Mr. Veal said the manual does not recommend using stop signs as a means to control speed. The Council said there are many issues involved and do not wish to change the decision to put

the additional stop signs at that intersection. Councilmember Howley recommends moving the one speed hump closer to the blind curves where there are many families with children. Mayor Gee stated that the closer the speed hump is places to Timberlinks the better.

Mayor Gee recommends that the Town set up a Centennial Committee and ask for volunteers. Following brief discussion, Mr. Veal said he would add this item to the next agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dick Gee, Mayor



Recorder