

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Gee led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXTEND THE WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR A TERM OF SEVEN (7) MONTHS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016, WHICH RETAINS THE WATER PURCHASE RATE OF \$1.0344 PER HUNDRED CUBIC FEET AS WAS DETERMINED BY THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FILED WITH THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY IN TRA DOCKET 12-00049 EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2012."

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 AMEND SECTION VIII – E OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL POLICY RELATIVE TO THE VACATION DONATION POLICY."

Town Manager Boyd Veal explained that this item changes the minimum hours an employee must have before being eligible to donate from 80 to 40, and allows for donations in 1 hour increments instead of 8 hours. He said that there were some additional minor administrative procedure changes including removing the burden of formal documentation and allowing the Town Manager to determine the validity of a request. He said that the Personnel Committee was in favor of these changes.

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

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) 2016 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 40034, FROM GOLDEN CIRCLE AUTO GROUP, JACKSON, TENNESSEE, FOR A TOTAL MOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE AND 92/100 (199,569.92) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

A minor typographical correction was requested in the last line. Councilmember Lusk motioned to approve the resolution as corrected. Mayor Gee seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Councilmember Lusk and Mayor Gee withdrew the motion and second.

Councilmember Howley motioned to move this resolution to the December 14th regular meeting. Vice Mayor Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion to move the resolution to the December 14th regular meeting was approved.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONAL WORK AND MATERIAL COSTS FOR THE PAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN TO WRIGHT BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY THREE AND 32/100 DOLLARS (53,993.32)."

Councilmember Spalding motioned to approve the resolution. Mayor Gee seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Councilmember Spalding and Mayor Gee withdrew the motion and second.

Councilmember Howley motioned to move this resolution to the December 14th regular meeting. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion to move the resolution to the December 14th regular meeting was approved.

Discussion

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the recently discovered structural and mold damage in the MACC auditorium was currently being evaluated. He said that Servpro has submitted an estimate of \$50,657.00 to remove the floor and drop ceiling and to remediate the mold in the auditorium. Mr. Veal explained that the engineering report has not yet been received. Council discussed the potential costs of replacing the floor and ceiling, repair of the damaged foundation, and other potential mold, water and structural damages to other areas of the building.

The Council discussed varying options to fund the repairs, including insurance, grants and donations. The Council determined that a comprehensive engineering study of the MACC is needed and discussed putting together a Task Force.

Council discussed applicants for various positions on Town Boards and Commissions. The Council agreed to the following nominations and actions:

Board of Zoning Appeals
David Cantrell

Centennial Committee
Deferred this nomination to the January meeting

Construction Adjustment and Appeals
Jerry Robertson

Design Review Commission

Ed Garbee

Council will decide at the December 14th regular meeting between Tim Daugherty and Callan Pierson

Hemlock Conservation Task Force

Barbara Womack

Clyde Womack

Anne Hagood

Kyle Kelly

Yukie Kajita

Robert Richie Jr.

Josh Rogers

Historical Committee

Mark Scott Norris

John Wynn

Elain Preston

David Reed

Bonnie Hamilton

Sam Elliott

Library Board

Dick Morel

Judy Beaty

MACC Board

Nathan Bell

Becky Pope

Council will decide at the December 14th regular meeting between Virginia Cairns and Barbara McLaughlin

Planning Commission

Cheryl Graham

Charlie Poss

Laura Duncan

Eric Opatich

Parks Board

Bill Fronk

Sam Powell

Caroline Woerner

Josh Rogers

Personnel Committee

Robbi Henderson

Council will decide at the December 14th regular meeting between Virginia Cairns and Callan Peirson

Recreation Board

Deferred this nomination to the January meeting

Stormwater Appeals

Rusty Sewell

Sam Powell

Tree Board

Noah Long

Jennifer Boyd

Ann Haygood

Mayor Gee explained that he, Walden's Mayor Trohanis and Mr. Veal attended a meeting with the Tennessee Municipal League (TML). He said he was very impressed with the research and background information obtained by TML including the fact that the original intent of the State Shared Sales Tax was enacted specifically to assist municipalities since counties already had other revenue sources not available to towns and cities. Mayor Gee said he feels that TML is putting together a forceful presentation and recommends supporting their efforts.

Mayor Gee informed the Council that he and Mr. Veal met with Chattanooga's Mayor Berke to discuss the proposed redistribution of the State Shared Sales Tax allocated to municipalities. He said that they discussed the fact that if the local delegates go to the legislature divided and unable to show their full support this would create a significant reduction in the odds of the proposal passing. Council discussed the need to individually contact the Town's legislative delegates to strongly urge them to vote against the proposed redistribution.

Councilmember Howley and Councilmember Lusk left the meeting at this time (2:45 p.m.)

Mr. Veal informed the Council that a recent investigation in the Town by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office resulted in one instance of sale of alcohol to an individual under the age of 21. Council agreed they want the store's owner to appear at the December 14th meeting in front of the Beer Board to answer questions regarding the incident.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that he is preparing the annual notice of scheduled meetings. Council agreed that they also wish to have the worksessions listed since these meetings are now held on a reliable schedule.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the recycler WestRock (formally RockTenn) will no longer pay for the single stream recycling products. He said that while WestRock will continue to haul these items, they have stated the market for these recyclable materials as declined and the company can no longer afford to pay the Town for the materials. Mr. Veal said the revenues from the sale of the recycling has been used to partially defray the \$44,000 contract paid to Orange Grove (who operates the recycling center). Mr. Veal explained that he and Public Works Director Loretta Hopper are studying alternative methods to cut costs including using volunteers through Mountain Stewards at the recycling center and contracting with a different recycling company.

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the December 14, 2015 regular meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Veal informed the Council that due to the recent promotion and relocation of Keven Rogers and others at Tennessee American Water the request for proposal process for the Town's water system has been delayed.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Southeast Development District consultant to the Planning Commission Jordan Clark has resigned. He said Jennifer Barber is the new consultant.

Councilmember Spalding said that a recent report on the Chattanooga.com site was not accurate. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Veal and Town Attorney Mr. Noblett would work on rules of procedures regarding information sharing with the media.

Councilmember Spalding asked for feedback on sheltering plans. Mr. Veal said Tony (Reavley) has been asked to attend the January worksession to speak to that issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dick Gee, Mayor



Recorder