

*****February 8, 2016*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

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

Mayor Gee read a proclamation naming Anthony Wakim as Mayor for a Minute (proclamation attached).

Mayor for a Minute Anthony Wakim led the pledge of allegiance.

Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 11th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

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

State of the Town

Mayor Gee presented a State of the Town report for the prior fiscal year. (The Mayor's presentation is attached to these minutes.) Mayor Gee said there is no more beautiful landscape than the Town of Signal Mountain. He said however, that is not all there is to being in a great place to live, he said it also takes somebody to run the Town. He said the Town is very fortunate to have the dedication, knowledge, experience, and spirit of Boyd Veal, Town Manager who is a fourth generation resident. Mayor Gee then spoke about each department head and the accomplishments of their departments. He stated that in every aspect of how the Town is run there are expert people in place doing outstanding work. Mayor Gee said that the appeal of Signal Mountain is not the location, although it's wonderful; it's not the fact that the Town is managed well, although that's wonderful too; it's not that the Town has ample finances and funds, although that is a blessing; it is that the residents are some of the greatest people that one could ever meet. Mayor Gee then spoke of the current projects and programs which include the new public works facility, tearing up and replacing James Boulevard, building a new fire station on Shackelford Ridge Road, and the challenges at the MACC facility. Mayor Gee concluded by stating he believes this is the best town in the state of Tennessee and that the Town is in very good shape.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

Clint Blumer, Alexian Way, asked why there is not better lighting on Signal Mountain Road up the mountain. Phil Noblett, Town Attorney replied that this is a State road with split jurisdiction with the City of Chattanooga. He also noted that there is limited space on the rock face for lighting.

Noah Long, Woodcliff Circle, spoke as Chairman of the Tree Board. He informed the Council the Town has, for the 6th year, qualified through the State of Tennessee's Urban Forestry Department as a Tree City U.S.A. and will receive 300 free trees that will be given away Saturday, March 14th.

Dunn Monroe, Cherokee Lane, again urged the Council to use local contractors to aid in the repairs to the MACC.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S WATER FUND IN LIEU OF AD VALORUM TAX PAYMENTS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE TOWN FOR THE WATER SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 IN THE SUM OF \$26,168.00."

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

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03, ENTITLED THE "FY 2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR."

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion to approve the second reading was approved.

Discussion

Having been asked by council to research the possibility of amending the length of appointments for the Centennial Committee, Mr. Veal informed the Council that Town Code Title 2 "Boards and Commissions" applies to all Town boards. He said that Section 2-103, "Terms of Appointment", states, there will be 3 year staggered terms, and when a new Board is established the members will be appointed to staggered terms, with some appointed to 1 year, some 2 year and

some 3 year terms. However, sub-committees have, by practice, been appointed for 1 year terms. If the Council wishes to have flexibility in appointment terms for sub-committees an ordinance amendment would be required.

Councilmember Spalding motioned to draft an exemption for the Centennial Committee from Section 2-103. Councilmember Howley seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Mayor Gee suggested the Citizens Advisory Committee be reconfigured to allow it to react when residents propose good ideas for which there is not sufficient staff available to perform necessary studies. He gave an example of a recent suggestion to enhance the appearance of the Town through plantings and other natural features. Mr. Noblett concurred that an amendment would be required. Mr. Veal said that this would require an amendment to Section 2-301.

Mr. Veal stated that he will prepare an ordinance to revise Chapter 2 Section 2-103, and Section 2-301 and bring it to the Council for action at a future meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Veal announced to the audience that the regular Council meeting scheduled for March 14th has been rescheduled to March 21st. He said the worksession scheduled for March 25th has been rescheduled to April 1.

Councilmember Spalding mentioned that he has received a packet from Louise Mann regarding recycling options. Mr. Veal said that he and staff are still weighing options concerning the recycle center. Following general discussion, the Council determined that they want to continue this discussion at a future worksession.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dick Gee, Mayor



Recorder