

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, January 22, 2016 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 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HEFFERLIN & KRONENBERG ARCHITECTS, PLLC FOR COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)"

Councilmember Lusk motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. The motion to approve the resolution passed with a vote of 4 in favor with Councilmember Howley abstaining.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT, AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS, FROM TRUCKERS LIGHTHOUSE, OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIRTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE & 04/100 (\$36,155.04) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

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

Discussion

Mayor Gee said the Town has received a request from the Signal Mountain Country Club to revise the current lease terms. Representatives of the Country Club, Mike LeVan and Woody Hamilton were present.

Town Manager, Boyd Veal reminded the Council that Tennessee law requires than a governmental body leasing a golf course, charge the equivalent of what the lessor would pay in taxes were they a private company. He said the Town asked the Hamilton County Assessor to value the property and

based on the valuation provided, a tax/lease calculation was prepared (see attached). Mr. Veal explained that this calculation is approximately \$7,000 less than the current lease.

Mr. LeVan informed the Council that the Country Club is seeking a new lease which would have a longer term than 10 years in order to obtain financing to maintaining facilities and grounds and to perform some updating. Council discussed the fact that by state statute the lease term cannot exceed 20 years. However, they agreed to consult with Town Attorney, Phil Noblett to determine if the current 10 years contract can be renewed with an automatic renewal for an additional 20 years, thereby giving the Country Club an opportunity to seek long term, 30 year, funding. Following discussion, the Council agreed that Mr. Veal and Mayor Gee will negotiate a new lease with the Country Club.

Patrick Holland, Brady Point Road, spoke as President of the Mountain Business Association (MBA). Mr. Holland invited council members to attend the MBA monthly meetings which are held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Bean.

The Council discussed applicants for board appointments.

Councilmember Howley motioned to nominate Jason Farmer and Eddie Smith to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Councilmember Howley motioned to nominate Callan Pierson to the Personnel Committee. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Mayor Gee said he is interested in appointing a Community Beautification Committee. The Council determined that a change to the current board appointment ordinance is needed to allow task oriented committees which will sunset at the end of the appointed task. Mr. Veal was asked to prepare an amendment to the Citizens Advisory Committee Ordinance that will remove the limit to the number of sub committees that can be appointed, lengthen term limits (not to exceed 4 years), and change the rotation requirement for short term programs.

Vice Mayor Bill Wallace left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Council members presented committee reports. During the Mayor's presentation regarding the Planning Commission, he mentioned that the Committee has been reviewing the Land Use Plan. Mayor Gee said there have been discussions regarding controlling the rate of growth to coordinate the growth with roads and services available. He said the question as to the legality of that action will be discussed and the next Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Howley requested funds for the Parks Board to perform projects.

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the March 21, 2016 regular meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Veal gave the Council an update of current Town projects. In addition, Mr. Veal gave a brief overview of health insurance options that are being considered for the upcoming year.

Councilmember Spalding said he has spoken with Becky Smith who said that MTAS has an IT expert on staff to assist with web based camera systems. He suggested installing a monitor in the Council room for presentations.

Councilmember Spalding suggested installing cameras on Shackelford Ridge and Timberlinks to control littering in those areas.

Mayor Gee asked that these two items be included on a future agenda meeting schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dick Gee, Mayor



Recorder