

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a worksession on Friday, May 27, 2016 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

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

Discussion

The Council was provided copies of the Town's debt policy as established by Ordinance 2011-55. This review is required each year during the budget process. Council will consider changes to this ordinance at a later meeting.

The Council was provided with copies of a proposed Internal Controls Policy. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that the State has recently enacted a law that requires the Town to adopt an internal controls policy by July 1, 2016. After discussion, Council requested a resolution be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Finance Director/Recorder, Carol White explained that representatives of Suntrust Bank had recently met with her and Mr. Veal. The Suntrust representatives explained that the bank will begin assessing significant usage fees at the beginning of July 2016. She said these fees had previously been waived. Following discussion, the Council agreed that the Town should put out a Request for Qualifications to explore alternative banking arrangements.

Ms. White informed the Council that the Town currently has a large number of uncollectible personalty tax accounts. She explained that the majority of these accounts are under \$50.00 and go back to 1999. Ms. White requested Council approval to write-off accounts that are under \$50.00 and are over one year old. The Council asked that staff prepare a comprehensive policy to address uncollectible accounts receivable for all departments of the Town.

Council decided to meet on June 10th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the physical needs assessment completed for the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC). The meeting will be held at the Town Hall.

Boards and Commissions – Liaison Report/Updates

Mr. Veal informed the Council that Councilmember Spalding asked him to let the Council know that the DRC is very pleased with the changed guidelines that allow the Building & Codes Inspector to approve signs that meet the requirements.

Councilmember Lusk announced that the Book Nook is now open at the Library following the renovation of the basement. He and Councilmember Howley reminded the Council the library will have a grand opening on June 4th at 2:30.

Councilmember Wallace said the Planning Commission will meet next Thursday.

Mayor Gee said he is initiating discussions regarding the Town using county property for ballfields. He stated that he has been in contact with Lee Norris and Dan Saieed with Hamilton County. He explained that one of the locations being considered is at Sam Powell and Shackelford Ridge where 13 acres may be available.

Mr. Veal updated the Council regarding current projects he has been administering.

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the June 13, 2016 regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dick Gee, Mayor



Recorder