

*****June 13, 2016*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

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

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

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

Minutes

The minutes for the April 22nd worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the May 9th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the May 16th worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

Dunn Monroe, Cherokee Lane, spoke in support of the MACC, but spoke against incurring debt to accomplish renovations to the MACC facility or to move Town Hall.

Cathy Barker, Druid Drive, thanked the Parks & Recreation personnel for all the services they offer. She thanked the Council for their hard work.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, spoke in favor of expanding the programs offered by the MACC. She questions whether spending \$1.2 million for renovations to Building A would be sufficient to allow room for all programs. She spoke in favor of public meetings regarding decisions on the MACC.

Bob Griesinger, Carriage Hill, spoke in favor of new buildings to house the MACC programs instead of renovating the existing facility.

Lolly Durant, Signal Mountain Boulevard, spoke in favor of preserving all the MACC buildings.

Ed Chapman, Signal Road, spoke in favor of preserving the facade of Building A and building a new facility within that façade.

Dan Landrum, Georgia Avenue, spoke in favor of preserving all the MACC building. He spoke in favor of the MACC programs.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AND SECURE PROPOSALS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR REPAIRS TO THE ORIGINAL SIGNAL MOUNTAIN GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING BASED ON A SCOPE OF WORK THAT IS COMPRISED OF AND IS LIMITED TO THE WORK IDENTIFIED AS *PHASE I – HISTORIC BUILDING "A"* IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED PHYSICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT BY HEFFERLIN & KRONENBERG ARCHITECTS."

Town Manager, Boyd Veal explained proposals are needed to determine an actual cost for the work associated with the physical needs assessment for the historic Building A and that no contract or work will be performed without further review and approval of the Council.

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion.

During further discussion, the Council decided to amend the language in the third paragraph to read: "WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Signal Mountain desires to explore specific opportunities to preserve and protect this historic landmark; therefore,"

Mayor Gee and Councilmember Spalding each amended their motion to include the language change.

All present being in favor of the amended motion, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AND SECURE PROPOSALS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF PORTIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY CONSTRUCTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ORIGINAL 1926 SIGNAL MOUNTAIN GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING AS FURTHER IDENTIFIED IN THE ATTACHED DIAGRAM AS WELL AS ALL SITE STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION NECESSARY AS A RESULT."

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

Public Hearing

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended for the Council to convene a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance to adopt the FY 2016-2017 Budget.

Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

Dun Monroe, Cherokee Lane, asked where the information was located in the budget regarding the Town's debt obligations. Mr. Veal informed Mr. Monroe that the information is included in the Debt Service Department within the General Fund.

There being no further public comment, the meeting was resumed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2015-03, 2015-12 AND 2016-03, ENTITLED THE "FY 2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR."

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

2. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE."

Mr. Veal explained to the Council that the heading of the columns on pages 2 and 3 were incorrect. Council agreed that these headings should be corrected in the final approved document.

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance with the headings corrected on pages 2 and 3. Vice Mayor Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion to approve the second reading was approved.

Beer Board

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended for the Council to convene as the Beer Board.

The Council considered a request by Pruetts to sell wine in their grocery store after July 1st as per the new state law. Mr. Veal explained that Pruetts has gone through all the State required processes. He said the Council is now required to act to approve the license request which will then be sent to the State.

Councilmember Howley motioned to approve the license to sell wine. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Justin Davis, Pruetts Manager, requested a temporary beer permit for an event that will be held on the Pruetts property on July 9th from 4 to 8 p.m. He explained that some of the proceeds will be donated to local service organizations.

Mr. Davis explained that in addition to beer, there will be a band and food sales. Mr. Davis assured the Council that participants will have their ID's checked when they purchase tickets and will be issued wrist bands. He said all beer will be dispensed by employees who hold ABC servers cards.

Council requested that beer sales be stopped at 7:30 p.m., and that Pruetts obtain a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Signal Mountain as additional insured.


Councilmember Howley motioned to approve the temporary beer permit for July 9th with the stipulations stated. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

The regular meeting was reconvened.


Discussion

Council discussed the need to have additional meetings regarding the MACC facilities and programs. Councilmember Howley asked about the timing in order to place the issue on the November ballot. Town Attorney, Phil Noblett, explained that the issue would have to be filed with the Election Commission at least 60 days in advance of the election. Mr. Noblett said that a resolution would be required that provided the specific question to be placed on the ballot. Councilmember Spalding asked how this item could be placed on the ballot. Mr. Noblett replied that it would be possible if it is a bonding question. Mr. Veal said there could be two questions; 1) whether to incur debt, and 2) approval of the tax increase such action would necessitate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dick Gee, Mayor



Recorder