

*****July 11, 2016*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dick Gee
Vice Mayor Bill Wallace
Councilmember Bill Lusk

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Attorney Mike McMahan
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 May 27th worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the June 10th special worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the June 13th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the June 24th 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 opposition to the Town incurring debt to finance requirements for the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC). He also stated that more ballfields are needed in the Town.

Mayor Gee temporarily closed the citizen comments section to allow the reading of the first resolution.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL LADIES TRACK AND FIELD TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2016 T.S.S.A.A. CLASS A-AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP."

Mayor Gee read the resolution in its entirety. Councilmember Lusk motioned to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Gee reopened the meeting to comments from the audience.

Sandy McCrea, Whipoorwill Drive, spoke as Chairperson of the MACC Board. She thanked the Council and staff for all the work they have done to promote the MACC functions.

Dave Wagner, Ridgeway Avenue, expressed concern over the potential loss of Hedges Field usage as an athletic field. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that the Town intends to expand the athletic fields available for recreational activities. Mr. Veal said that Hedges Field usage will not change unless other adequate facilities are available.

Ed Bergin, Signal Mountain Boulevard, spoke in favor of the MACC arts programs.

Andee Bock, Kell Road, spoke in support of the theater facilities of the MACC.

Ann Rittenberry, Crown Point Road, spoke in support of the MACC arts programs.

Brianne Hagar, B's Sweets, spoke in support of the kitchen facilities at the MACC.

Ann Pope, Hollister Road, spoke in support of the MACC programs.

Becky Pope, Hollister Road, spoke in support of the MACC programs.

Bob Griesinger, Carriage Hill, asked if the Request for Proposals (RFPs) authorized 30 days prior have been issued for the MACC renovations. Mr. Veal explained that there have been several options considered since that time and that RFPs would be issued in the next few weeks. Mr. Griesinger spoke in support of complete demolition of the current MACC facility.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, spoke briefly in support of the MACC programs. Ms. Griesinger suggested the Town hire a Water Manager and keep the water service within the Town's control. She stated that if the Town sells the water system a \$3 million reserve in the Water Fund for system improvements would be absorbed into the General Fund and the water system's rate payers will have to pay a second time for these needed improvements. She expressed concern that the water interconnection with Walden Ridge Utility District had not been completed.

Chip Hancock, East Ridge, TN, spoke in support of the music programs at the MACC.

Colleen Laiberte, Pinehurst Lane, spoke in support of the MACC programs.

Ray Laiberte, Pinehurst Lane, spoke in support of the MACC programs.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERSHIP" LOSS CONTROLS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN AUGUST OF 2016."

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor of the motion, the motion was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TO USE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION."

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

4. "A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT FOR PAUL HENDRICKS, JAMES DOUTHAT, PATRICK EMANUEL, RITA IRVIN AND JOHN WYNNE AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE."

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

5. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CATHY BARKER AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE."

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

6. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOTTIE MCALLISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE."

7. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KYRA HOWELL AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE."

Mayor Gee made a motion to table the resolutions regarding the appointment of Dottie McAllister and Kyra Howell to the July 21st council meeting. Vice Mayor Wallace seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion to table the resolutions was approved.

8. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA KELLY AND MARILYN GARNER AS MEMBERS OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BEAUTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

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

9. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO WRIGHT BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE PAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$625,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

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

10. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH WORKSHOP ARCHITECTURE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,000.00) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF A NEW TOWN HALL FACILITY AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CURRENT TOWN HALL FOR USE AS THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY."

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to approve the resolution passed with a vote of 2 to 1, with Councilmember Wallace opposed.

11. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HEFFERLIN AND KRONENBERG ARCHITECTS, PLLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$23,180.00) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF A NEW MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CURRENT TOWN HALL FOR USE AS THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY."

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to approve the resolution passed with a vote of 2 to 1, with Councilmember Wallace opposed.

12. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SIGNAL VOICE & DATA, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,000.00) TO UPGRADE AND EXPAND THE TOWN'S PHONE SYSTEM."

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

Other Business

Councilmember Lusk announced that he will not be running for re-election this November. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to have served for 10 years. He said he has enjoyed serving immensely and it has been a real privilege to do so. Mayor Gee said that Councilmember Lusk has provided service the community in an outstanding way and it has been his pleasure to serve with him.

Vice Mayor Wallace announced that he also will not be running for re-election this November. He said that he has thoroughly enjoyed serving and he said the Council is a very dynamic and engaged group. Mayor Gee said it has been enjoyable having Vice Mayor Wallace as a colleague on the Council and that he has appreciated his contributions. He said Vice Mayor Wallace has put in a great effort and made a significant contribution to the life of the town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Dick Gee, Mayor


Recorder