

\*\*\*\*\*September 12, 2016\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 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 Bill Lusk  
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 in honor of the victims of the 9/11 attack. Town Attorney, Phillip Noblett gave the invocation.

### Minutes

The minutes for the August 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the August 22<sup>nd</sup> worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

### Citizen Comments

Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

Jay Casavant, Signal Mountain Boulevard, asked to have Signal Mountain Boulevard closed from James Blvd. to Georgia Ave. on October 31<sup>st</sup> for 2 ½ hours starting at 6:30 p.m. for his annual Halloween House/Trail event that he puts on for the community. He was asked to complete a Special Event Road Closure request form. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, stated that his request would be reviewed by the Police, Fire and Public Works departments, but he does not anticipate any reason that his request could not be accommodated.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, stated her belief that the Town was not taking sufficient action to have Hamilton County finance the SRO Officer position. She stated that she had been in contact with a Deputy Sheriff who apprised her of an SRO grant that the county was pursuing. Ms. Griesinger insisted the Mayor contact the Deputy and the Department of Education to stress our desire to have this grant pay for the SRO position at the Signal Mountain schools. Councilmember Howley informed Ms. Griesinger that he had called county officials twice in April and again in

May to inquire as to the progress of the SRO grant. Police Chief, Mike Williams, said he has met frequently with Sheriff Jim Hammond regarding the SRO position. He said that he was informed that Signal Mountain would be next to receive a SRO Officer as soon as county funds become available.

Dunn Monroe, Cherokee Lane, spoke in opposition to pursuing extensive repair/renovation of the MACC building. He stated that minor repairs appear to be all that is required. Mr. Monroe also spoke against acquiring the proposed Brow property.

Lolly Durant, Signal Mountain Boulevard, again presented the Council with a petition asking that the Town “maintain and respect the building (MACC) as a historic community landmark of 90 years.”

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

### Resolutions

1. “A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING OCTOBER 7, 2016, AS ARBOR DAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE.”

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

2. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PAINTER READY, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN AND 40/100 (\$15,867.40), AS THE ONLY BID FOR THE EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIBRARY.”

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

3. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL “DRIVER SAFETY” MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.”

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

4. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ADOPT AN UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE WRITE-OFF POLICY”

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

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 3 TON CATERPILLAR ASPHALT ROLLER CB24B FROM STOWERS MACHINERY CORP., TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 50614, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 60/100 DOLLARS (\$39,611.60) TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS 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.

6. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) OLD DOMINION BRUSH PULL BEHIND LEAF MACHINE FROM CMI EQUIPMENT, NASHVILLE, TN, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,906.00) TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS 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.

7. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO HIGHWAY MARKINGS, INC. FOR THE APPLICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 53 LINEAR MILES OF STREET STRIPING IN THE TOWN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN AND 50/100 DOLLARS \$17,357.50) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Mr. Veal explained that this item is \$2,300.00 over budget, however, he stated the paving portion of the project had been under budget.

Councilmember Howley motioned to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Wallace 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 amend the regulations regarding screening of dumpsters in commercial districts.

Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

There being no public comment, the meeting was resumed.

### **Ordinance**

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SCREENING OF DUMPSTERS IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS."

Mayor Gee motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. The motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance was approved by a vote of 4 to 1, with Vice Mayor Wallace in opposition.

### Discussion

Councilmember Lusk said the Hemlock Conservation Task Force is studying sites to place an insectary. Ann Haygood, James Boulevard, explained that the State Forestry Division is supporting the Towns efforts to expand the hemlock conservation program.

Councilmember Spalding asked if the Town had approved "stop gap" insurance for retirees. Mr. Veal explained that the current authorization provides the insurance to all retirees at full cost to the employee. There was discussion regarding obtaining an actuarial study to determine the Town's exposure if some of the costs will be paid by the Town. Following further discussion, the Council decided they did not plan to change the current program, so no further action was needed at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Dick Gee, Mayor

  
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Recorder