

*****November 14, 2016*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 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. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

Juliana Ratliff, Brady Point Road, spoke in favor of renovations to the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) buildings. She posed several questions and concerns regarding other construction projects under consideration. Ms. Ratliff said she supports a new gym but asked that all other projects be deferred.

Dunn Monroe, Cherokee Lane, spoke in opposition to incurring any large expenditures. He asked the Council to look for the least expensive option to maintain the MACC programs

Sandy McCrea, Whippoorwill Drive, addressed the Council as Chairperson for the MACC Board. She spoke in favor of making the MACC buildings structurally safe and sound with water and mold problems eliminated, a HVAC system installed and all spaces made handicap accessible. Ms. McCrea said the MACC Board believes these objectives to be attainable at a lower cost than the full 3 phase construction plan originally designed. She further stated that the Board will accept and support the Council's decision, whatever it may be.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, asked when the RFP for the water system would be completed.

Brooke Daniel, Flint Street, said she has experience renovating a historic house and suggested the Council have someone with experience in restoration of historic buildings be part of the process of estimating costs for the renovation of the old grammar school.

There being no further comments, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING TOWN EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES."

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

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE IN AN AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY NINE DOLLARS AND 12/100 (\$14,999.12) WHICH WILL RESULT IN PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT, AND OVERTIME TO BE PROVIDED AS A HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE SPEEDING, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, AND NON-SEATBELT USAGE FOR CHILDREN AND PASSENGERS WITHIN MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWN."

Councilmember Spalding 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 CHIEF OF POLICE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT GRANT THROUGH THE TENNESSEE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE 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 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2016-49 AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2017 KNUCKLE BOOM TRUCK FROM PETERSON INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, LAKE WALES, FL, NJPA CONTRACT #070313, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 28/100 DOLLARS (\$133,173.28) TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

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

5. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLEN & HOSHALL, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) WITHOUT ADDITIONAL APPROVAL BY THE TOWN COUNCIL."

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

Ordinance

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 5, ENTITLED "SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PARK REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES" BY DELETING SECTIONS 20-501 AND 20-502 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS 20-501 AND 20-502."

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

Discussion

Following discussion about the need for public meetings to receive resident input on the variety of proposed construction projects, the Council agreed to have two public meetings the week of November 28th. They agreed the meetings would be for 3 to 4 hours each with a recap of the various options presented at the top of each hour.

Other Business

Vice Mayor Wallace congratulated Robert Spalding, Dan Landrum and Amy Speek for winning their elections to the Council. He commended the Town's fire fighters, police, and first responders for all the hard work they have done fighting the fires and keeping the residents safe.

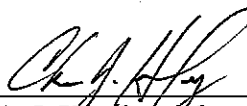
Fire Chief, Eric Mitchell, provided the Council an update on the status of the forest fires in our area.

Councilmember Spalding asked for an update on video streaming. Chief Mitchell replied that he has spoken to Jim Webster, who informed him that there was new technology available for this purpose. Chief Mitchell said that he will meet with Mr. Webster as time from the fires permits.

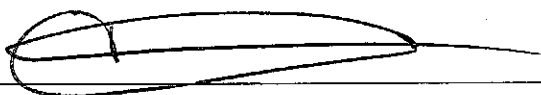
Councilmember Spalding thanked Vice Mayor Wallace for his service to the town and said that he has enjoyed working with him. Councilmember Howley agreed.

Mayor Gee reminded those present that there will be a swearing in ceremony for the recently elected Council members at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22nd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Chris J. Howley, Mayor



Recorder