

*****May 8, 2017*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Chris J. Howley
Vice Mayor Dick Gee
Councilmember Dan Landrum
Councilmember Amy Speak
Councilmember Robert Spalding

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

Mayor Howley led the pledge of allegiance. Boyd Veal, Town Manager, gave the invocation.

Mayor Howley thanked the audience for their attendance. He also acknowledged the attendance of Judge Cox and Judge Philyaw.

Minutes

The minutes for the April 10th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Red Bank Mayor, John Roberts

This item was removed from the agenda.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Howley invited comments from the audience.

Les Wallace, Covington Cove Lane, addressed the Council for the second time to express dissatisfaction regarding a fence erected by a resident of the Windtree Subdivision. Mr. Veal explained that the Building Official had examined the fence and determined that one portion is outside the property line. He said the resident has been asked to correct this encroachment. Mr. Veal said that this is the only item that does not comply with the Town's regulations. He said the other issues cited by Mr. Wallace are not violations of the Town Codes but may be violations of the subdivision covenants. Mr. Veal explained that homeowner covenant violations are not enforceable by the Town.

Lois Wallace, Covington Cove Lane, informed the Council that Windtree Subdivision residents had received a letter from the subdivision developer informing the residents that they are now responsible for payment for street lighting and the maintenance of common areas. She asked what the Town is going to do. Mr. Veal said he has forwarded a copy of the letter to Phil Noblett, Town Attorney to determine if the Town has any responsibility. Mr. Veal said the Town must stay

consistent with how street lighting is handled in other areas of the Town. He will inform the Council once Mr. Noblett has determined the Town's obligations in this matter.

Brendan Olin, Cherokee Lane, asked the Council if they have considered his proposed changes to the Town's traffic ordinance as it relates to parking on roadways. Mr. Veal said there had not been an opportunity to place this item on a worksession agenda due to the budget discussions. Mayor Howley assured Mr. Olin that the Council will review the request at their earliest opportunity.

Bill Gallagher, North Palisades Drive, asked the Council to include \$10,000.00 in the coming budget to improve drainage at Driver Field. Mayor Howley said the Council will consider the request at the next budget worksession.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2017 SEASON."

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

2. "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

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

Ordinance

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-503 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, TO SET THE RATES FOR USAGE OF THE TOWN SWIMMING POOL."

Vice Mayor Gee motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Discussions

Mayor Howley asked Mr. Veal the status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the water system alternatives. Councilmember Landrum asked for further information. Mr. Veal explained that the Council had been approached with an offer to either manage or purchase the Town's water utility. He said there were currently three options to consider, and that they are:

1. The Town retains ownership of the utility but an outside utility supplier will run the operations, or
2. A utility supplier will acquire the Town water utility in whole, or
3. A merger with another utility might be possible.

After discussion, Councilmember Spalding made a motion to move forward with the RFP for the water system. Councilmember Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

The Council discussed an e-mail from Missy Cantrell concerning a recently installed private security light which is creating a glare and nuisance to neighbors. Council and staff will explore applicable regulations.

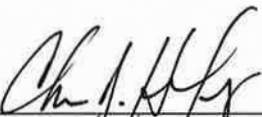
Mayor Howley asked Mr. Veal about an issue about an abandoned car. Mr. Veal said that staff will be addressing the issue.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that he has received an e-mail regarding the SAFER grant the Town had applied for. He reminded the Council this grant will pay for some of the staffing costs at the new fire station for 3 years. Mr. Veal said the e-mail asked for a letter confirming the governing body's intention to support the staffing and that the Town will continue staffing if the grant is received. He said the letter is required by the 15th. Councilmember Spalding made a motion to authorize the Mayor to send a letter, on behalf of the Council, in support of maintaining fire personnel as required for the SAFER grant. Councilmember Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Mayor Howley and Councilmember Landrum spoke about the efforts of the State Legislature to pass legislation that will take the decision making ability out of the hands of local government regarding zoning and other controls as it pertains to Airbnb's.

Councilmember Speek gave a short update on the progress of the School System Viability Committee (SSVC). She said the committee had 4 meetings this week and is making progress on the budget questions for the proposed school system change. She said the committee is starting to answer the resident questions that had been placed on the web site and that there were some questions that will require the Council to answer. Mayor Howley said the SSVC is setting up meetings with Germantown for the end of June or the first of July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Chris J. Howley, Mayor



Recorder