

*****July 10, 2017*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Vice Mayor Dick Gee
Councilmember Dan Landrum
Councilmember Robert Spalding
Councilmember Amy Speak

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

Vice Mayor gee led the pledge of allegiance. Phil Noblett, Town Attorney, gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the May 15th worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the May 26th worksession were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the June 12th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Police Recognition

Mike Williams, Police Chief, commended Lt. Lewis, Sgt. Bingham, Officers Tedrick and Dean for their performance in handling two recent incidents.

He explained that the first incident was on May 30th when there was an armed robbery call. Chief Williams said Officers performed a high risk felony stop of the suspects. He said the two suspects were taken into custody without incident and the officers obtained confessions from the suspects.

Chief Williams said that two days later, Officers received a call of a kidnapping on Signal Road. The suspect used a knife to take a 2 year old child in his car and leave the scene. He said that, due to the quick response of the Officers, a description was swiftly transmitted over the radio allowing Hamilton County Deputies to stop the suspect at the foot of the mountain.

Councilmember Spalding said the Town is fortunate to have Police Officers of this caliber. Vice Mayor Gee thanked the Chief and Officers.

Citizen Comments

Vice Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, said that she objects to Mayor Howley sitting at the table during discussions by the School System Viability Committee (SSVC). She said he should not insert himself since he is not a member of the SSVC. She said she had written a letter to the Chair of the SSVC stating this objection. Ms. Griesinger said that, not having the Chair's e-mail, she decided to take the letter to his residence, where she left it with the SSVC Chairman's wife. She said that even though the Council had not given any names, she took exception to discussions the Council held regarding citizens going to the homes of Board or Committee members.

Bob Griesinger, Carriage Hill, also took exception to the (previously mentioned) Council discussions. He demanded the Council publish an apology.

Marco Perez, Kentucky Avenue, spoke against a municipal school district.

Meg Brasel, Chickadee Trail, said that Council had stated there were 28 questions to the SSVC that have been deferred to Council. Ms. Brasel asked when those questions were going to be addressed. Councilmember Speek said that the questions will be addressed at an upcoming worksession.

Renee Shoop, Kell Road, asked what format was available for questions to the SSVC since the Town is no longer taking questions on the website. Councilmember Speek replied that the Town is going to move forward into public forum meetings and questions can be asked at those meetings.

Elizabeth Baker, Carriage Hill, questioned the impartiality of the SSVC.

Michael McCamish, (address unclear), spoke in opposition to the municipal school district.

Julie Radcliff, Brady Point Road, said she had anticipated a 2 year investigation, but feels it is moving faster than that. She asked the Council to consider not having a referendum on a municipal school district this November.

Dunn Monroe, Cherokee Road, spoke in opposition to a municipal school district. He also spoke in support of Claire Griesinger.

David Evans, James Boulevard, asked the Council to disclose, in advance of the next Planning Commission meeting, the requirement which sets forth the standards under which the Planning Commission will make its ruling on the question of paving Carolina Avenue. He asked if approval of the paving contract on this meeting's agenda will preclude the paving of Carolina Avenue. Mr. Evans asked what is the Town's policy if a senior official of the town uses obscene and sexually abusive language toward a citizen.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE TML RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROLS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN AUGUST OF 2017."

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

2. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN WADE RITTENBERRY AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE."

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

3. "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 THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$378,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Vice Mayor Gee said the Planning Commission has decided to review the request to pave Carolina right-of-way. Councilmember Landrum asked Loretta Hopper, Public Works Director, to obtain real costs to pave the Carolina right-of-way to the Town standards. Vice Mayor Gee asked if the Carolina paving is connected to this resolution. Boyd Veal, Town Manager, replied that it is not.

Mr. Veal explained that this resolution exceeds the budget by \$3,000.00, but stated that staff will find savings in the budget to cover the overage.

Councilmember Landrum 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 EXECUTE A WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR A TERM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JULY 01, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018, WHICH RETAINS THE WATER PURCHASE RATE OF \$1.0344 PER HUNDRED CUBIC FEET AND PROVIDES FOR AN ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC SIX (6) MONTH EXTENSION UNLESS EITHER PARTY PROVIDES TIMELY NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE."

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

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONDUENT GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS, LLC FOR

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 01, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$14,250.00) WHICH WILL BE DIVIDED INTO ANNUAL PAYMENTS AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT DOCUMENT.”

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

6. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2017 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR, TENNESSEE STATE BID NUMBER 50708, FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT 95/100 DOLLARS (\$26,288.95) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Spalding motioned to approve the resolution. Councilmember Speek 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 Zoning Ordinance regarding livestock regulations.

Mr. Veal explained this proposed change will only affect horses and goats, and will clean up the language regarding stables.

Vice Mayor Gee invited comments from the audience.

There being no public comment, the meeting was resumed.

Ordinance

1. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III SECTION 303 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF PRIVATE STABLES AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VI OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE TO REVISE REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING LIVESTOCK IN THE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT.”

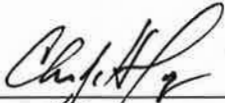
Councilmember Speek motioned to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the Ordinance was approved on the second reading.

Discussions

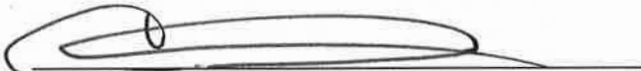
Mr. Veal asked that the Council worksession scheduled for July 28th be moved to August 4th. He said once he has heard from all member of the Council regarding their availability, he will let them know if the schedule is changed.

Councilmember Landrum asked if residents can request permission to hire or keep goats to combat kudzu. Mr. Veal said there is no allowance for this in the current regulations. Phil Noblett, Town Attorney said the Town could consider a special permit for this purpose.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Chris J. Howley, Mayor



Recorder