

Council Notes-March 16, 2011

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- Mayor Bill Lusk, Vice Mayor Susan Robertson, and Councilmembers Dick Gee and Bill Wallace joined Town Manager Honna Rogers at the March 7-8th Tennessee Municipal League Legislative Conference in Nashville. They also met with Representative Richard Floyd and Senator Bo Watson. Items discussed were the future of the Hall Tax, the posting of public notices, and the need for repair and replacement of state highway 127 up the mountain.
- Governor Bill Haslam gave municipal representatives an update on current legislative issues. He reminded all elected officials and town managers that the state is looking at a \$1.5 billion dollar shortfall. Budgets, employees and programs will all see cuts as will state funding.
- Mayor Bill Lusk and Ms. Rogers met with new TDOT Commissioner John Schroer and Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer Paul Degges to discuss short-term repair options as well as a long-range plan for the improvement and enhancement of Signal Mountain Road. Assistant Commissioner Degges indicated that TDOT would study the road with a fresh eye to find a workable solution for our community.
- Due to rising maintenance costs of town recreational programs and facilities, the Recreation Board has recommended an increase in user fees. The council is considering these increases.
- The final of a series of public input meetings on how the MACC will develop in the future will be held March 19th at the Alexian Town Hall from 1-3pm. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Due to recent storms, brush as long as 8' or as wide as 24" in diameter will be collected at the curb until April 1st when normal collection guidelines will resume. All brush will be accepted at the Transfer Station. Stumps will not be accepted.