

Council Notes-September 7, 2011

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- At its August 30th agenda meeting, the council discussed a request from the Parks Board to partner with the Tennessee River Gorge Trust to secure conservation easements to protect Rainbow Lake and other parklands in the town. Other means of protection such as deed restrictions were also discussed, as was the value of the land and how, if sold for development, it could generate future income. The council agreed to solicit citizen input before discussing the request further. For details go to signalmountaintn.gov/conserving_our_green_space.pdf.
- Recreation Director Jarred Thompson updated the council on upcoming repairs to the pool that may include switching from chlorine to a salt treatment system. He also requested the council's ideas on how the Recreation Board could help the softball league extend the height of the fence at Driver Field and where the Board might find additional practice fields to accommodate a record number of children participating in sports this year.
- Public Works Director Loretta Hopper updated the council on the proposed 2013-14 re-paving of James Boulevard between Mississippi and Alexian. Engineering will begin when TDOT re-classifies that section of James as a "collector street". Meanwhile, engineering for the proposed 2013-14 bike/pedestrian path between the Town Hall and the shopping center is on hold due to slope and drainage issues. Ms. Hopper also discussed possible fees for non-residents who dump brush or building materials at the Transfer Station.
- Town Manager Honna Rogers reported that the Municipal Technical Advisory Service would be assigning a graduate intern to work in the office for a semester at no charge to the town.
- The 2011 MACC Fall Class Catalogue is available online at signalmountainmacc.org.