

*****December 1, 2008*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a special agenda meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Bill Lusk
 Vice-Mayor Susan Robertson
 Councilmember Annette Allen
 Councilmember Paul Hendricks
 Councilmember Hershel Dick

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers
 Town Recorder Mark Johnson
 Town Attorney Phil Noblett

Police Chief Boyd Veal introduced Scott Ogrodowczyk, a new officer.

The following ordinance was presented: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE SECTION 8-208, TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF RETAIL BEER LICENSES WHICH MAY BE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING AT ANY ONE TIME WITHIN THE TOWN." Vice-Mayor Robertson moved and Councilmember Dick seconded that the ordinance be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda for the December 8th regular meeting was discussed as follows:

- Approval of the minutes for the November 10th regular meeting, December 1st agenda meeting, and November 8th swearing-in ceremony.
- Convening of the Beer Board to review an application by the Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club for a beer permit and zoning and taxation.
- Resolutions honoring Muecke Barker, Cathy Barker, the Signal Mountain Green Giants, the Mountain Vision Committee, Paul Hendricks, and Hershel Dick for their respective contributions to the Town.
- Board appointments/reappointments.
- Presentation of the audit report for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, if the final version is completed in time.
- A Postponement of the second reading of a rezoning ordinance concerning property at 1603 Taft Highway to allow the owner time to obtain a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals to operate a daycare in an office district.
- Scheduling Citizens' opportunity to address the Council after the honorary resolutions.
- Postponing a resolution honoring the service of Lou Oliphant to the Planning Commission and presentation of a plaque until the January regular meeting.
- Agreeing that the Planning Commission's report will be presented at the December 8th meeting; however, beginning in January the practice of a monthly

presentation will be abandoned unless the Commission has actionable items to put before the Council.

The Council discussed board functions, availability and qualifications of prospective members.

The package store ordinance was also discussed. Ms. Rogers said the ordinance needed to specify in what area a liquor store could be established. The Council determined this issue should be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Rogers noted the existing sign ordinance is in need of clarifications and updates. Sign dimensions, the use of temporary signs, and the availability of comparable ordinances from other municipalities were discussed. The Council agreed to review the ordinance in conjunction with comparable ordinances before discussing the issue again at the next agenda session and to provide this information to the Design Review Commission (DRC) for review.

Ms. Rogers opened a discussion of the fowl ordinance and the recent request by Patrick Hagan to keep fowl on his property. She noted that she recently reviewed similar ordinances from other municipalities and recommended the Town allow fowl in the Residential Estate zone. After a review of noise and odor considerations, acreage and number of fowl restrictions, permit issuance responsibility, and zoning issues, the Council agreed to have Ms. Rogers prepare two different versions of an amended ordinance for discussion at the next agenda session--one restricting fowl to Residential Estate Zones and one allowing fowl in low density residential zones with specific restrictions.

Councilmember Allen opened a discussion of initiatives discussed at a 2007 meeting with representatives of Hamilton County, the WWTa, and TDEC that would help to mitigate the E. coli contamination in Town streams. Ms. Allen proposed establishing a task force to look at solutions including a septic maintenance education program, a sewer plan for homes in the watersheds of contaminated streams and in other areas with septic problems. The Council agreed to the formation of a committee to study this issue.

Ms. Rogers reported a Strategic Planning Session for the Council will be held on January 9th and 10th. The Council agreed to have the session at the Mountain Arts Community Center.

Vice-Mayor Robertson noted the Tree Board was promoting an "Honor Tree Program" under the Town's memorial donation policy. As part of the initiative, they requested that three dogwood trees be planted in front of the Town Hall to provide an example for potential donors. Council members agreed to donate \$25 each to fund the request.

Ms. Rogers recounted a request by John Stagmaier, General Manager of Rock-Tenn, to adjust its contract with the Town to 55% of proceeds from aluminum, rather than a set

price per pound. The Council asked for more specific information detailing Rock Tenn's position before making a decision.

Ms. Rogers noted she is considering attending a grant-writing workshop on January 28th and 29th in Nashville.

Ms. Rogers provided an update on the traffic study involving the intersection at Middle Creek Road and Mountain Cove Road, requested by citizens at the November 10th meeting. She noted that out of 400 passing vehicles, only 12 drove more than five miles over the speed limit, and she was unsure that speeding was an issue. The information will be given to Police Chief Boyd Veal for review.

Ms. Rogers and Mayor Lusk reviewed their recent meeting with TPO representatives, noting their recommendations regarding participation in the Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Rogers mentioned that to obtain a sidewalk grant for James Boulevard, a budget amendment would be necessary to include the Town's required \$50,000 contribution to the project. The Council asked Ms. Rogers to prepare an ordinance for the budget amendment.

Ms. Rogers noted that, even though a resolution was passed at the November 10th meeting pledging Town support for the Climate Action Blueprint, Council members were asked to pledge initially as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Recorder


Bill Lusk, Mayor