

*****November 12, 2018*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Chris J. Howley
Vice Mayor Amy Speek
Councilmember Brandon Anthony
Councilmember Dan Landrum
Councilmember Robert Spalding

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

Mayor Howley led the pledge of allegiance. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Minutes

The minutes for the October 8th regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

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

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING TOWN EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 T.S.S.A.A. DIVISION I – CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 T.S.S.A.A. DIVISION I – SMALL CLASS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Proclamation – National Hospice Month

Mayor Howley read a Proclamation to declare November 2018 as “Hospice Month”.

Citizen Comments

Marian May, Hidden Brook Lane, expressed her concern over what she believes to be an increase in the coyote population in this area. She further stated that the coyotes appeared to be less fearful of humans and are frequenting more populated areas.

Jonathan Welch, Shackelford Ridge Road, informed the Council that there is a large pack of coyotes in his area and expressed concern about his right to protect himself. Following general discussion between the Council, other residents present, town staff, the Town Attorney and the Town Manager, it was generally felt that individuals always have the right to protect themselves.

Brent Teeter, Fox Run Drive, said he has a concealed gun carry permit and that a Town Ordinance prohibits his carrying his gun at Rainbow Lake. He said this Ordinance is incorrect and should be revised. He spoke in opposition to the livestock ordinance revisions regarding goats.

Tim Campbell, Fox Run Drive, presented the Council with a pamphlet on controlling coyotes. He spoke in opposition to the livestock ordinance revisions regarding goats.

Dun Monroe, Cherokee Lane, asked if the questions regarding the purchase of gym equipment, joining the Small Cities Coalition, sale of the water department, and the study of water rates were going to be pushed to the next Council. Mayor Howley replied that the gym equipment had already been purchased, but that the new Council will hear the other issues.

Cherie Brown, Anderson Pike, spoke in favor of the livestock ordinance revisions regarding goats. She explained that before the recent annexation of her property, her property was zoned agricultural which allowed them to have a variety of livestock.

Sue Teeter, Fox Run Drive, spoke in opposition to the livestock ordinance revisions regarding goats.

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, responded to comments made that suggested he was the reason goats had been included in the revised ordinance. He reminded the Council that he had not requested this change. He explained that, over the course of several years, numerous people had requested that the ownership of goats be allowed in the Town. Mr. Veal explained that a resident had recently put such a request to the Planning Commission. Mr. Veal explained that as this is a code matter the Planning Commission would not normally review this issue. However, Mr. Veal stated that in an effort to be as thorough as possible the Planning Commission was asked to study the issue. He said the Planning Commission agreed that, under certain conditions, goats should be allowed, gave direction on drafting revisions to the livestock ordinance and recommended its passage by Council.

Tim Campbell, Fox Run Drive, spoke as a neighbor of Mr. Veal's. Mr. Campbell said that Mr. Veal had assured him that, if he had goats on his property, he would remove them if they created a nuisance.

Mary Hudson, James Boulevard, recommended that a provision be added to the proposed ordinance revision that would allow for a mutual agreement with adjoining property owners, such as the one regarding the keeping of chickens.

Rick Saputa, Primrose Way, asked if the Council would be taking any action at this meeting regarding changing the water rates. Mayor Howley said the Council would not. Mr. Saputa said that he had been subjected to selective enforcement regarding his placement of his political sign at the polling location. Mr. Saputa said that the expense of moving the water line at the Shoal Creek Falls Bridge project should be paid by the General Fund. Mr. Veal replied that the water utility was responsible for the cost to move the water line, just as the gas company is required to do for the gas line.

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard spoke in favor of a water rate study.

Claire Griesinger, thanked the Mayor for the upcoming State of the Town presentation.

Brent Teeter, Fox Run Drive, again expressed his strong opposition to the livestock ordinance revisions regarding goats.

Resolutions (Continued)

4. "A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDS GRANT PROJECT AT MARION AND DRIVER FIELDS."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Anthony seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

5. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ADAMS CONTRACTING, LLC FOR A WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONNECTION ALONG SHOAL CREEK FALLS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS."

Councilmember Anthony made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 10-103 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO KEEPING LIVESTOCK IN THE TOWN."

Following discussion, Councilmember Landrum made a motion to table the second reading of the ordinance. Mayor Howley seconded the motion. The motion to table the second reading of the

ordinance passed with Mayor Howley, Vice Mayor Speek, Councilmember Anthony and Councilmember Landrum in favor. Councilmember Spalding opposed the motion.

State of the Town

Mayor Howley presented a power point presentation on the State of the Town (see attached copy).

Discussion

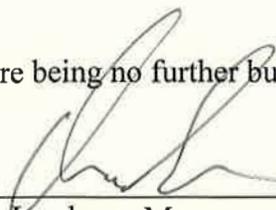
- a. Community Development Liaison. Following discussion, Councilmember Anthony made a motion that the Town Manager look into creating an internship position for a Community Development Liaison in the FY 2019-2020 budget. Vice Mayor Speek seconded the motion.
- b. Hodgepodge. Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Mountain Arts Community Center Board is still discussing this item.
- c. Water Study. Mayor Howley said that any change in water rates has to be done by an Ordinance, which requires 2 readings. He therefore recommended this item be discussed by the incoming Council at a future meeting. Council agreed.
- d. Tree Removal. Mr. Veal informed the Council that trees recently removed from the Town Hall complex were creating property damage to vehicles and creating fall hazards. He said that the Municipal Landscape Ordinance states that the Town is to remove trees to ensure public safety and general welfare. In addition, Mr. Veal said that staff will soon plant some redbud and maple trees in that area.

Other Business

Camilla Mincey, Fern Trail, asked the Council for permission to perform a school project. She explained that the project is to put a .2 mile long mountain cycling trail behind the Town Hall complex and fields. Councilmember Landrum asked that she meet with the group currently studying the bike/pedestrian paths for the Town.

The Council thanked outgoing Mayor Chris Howley for the time he had put into serving in that position and for his work to make the Town successful. Mayor Howley said it had been an honor to serve.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dan Landrum, Mayor



Recorder