

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speak
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Robert Spalding

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

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience. There being no comments, the meeting resumed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-107 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH NEW RATE SCHEDULE, WATER RATES AND FEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN WATER UTILITY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

2. "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.

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, informed the Council that the sunset date in Section K will be changed to reflect a date one year from final passage of this Ordinance.

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

Discussion

- a. Proposals – Water System. After Council discussion, Mayor Landrum made a motion that Signal Mountain keep its water system and notify the prospective purchasers of our intent not to pursue sale of our water system and to thank them for their participation. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mayor Landrum, Councilmember Lusk, and Councilmember Murdock in favor and with Vice Mayor Speek and Councilmember Spalding opposed.
- b. Update on High School Traffic. Mr. Veal said he has met with the Principals of both schools, the County Engineer, the School Board Representative, and the County Commissioner to identify traffic concerns at the schools. He said it was determined that the issues identified today are the same as issues identified several years ago. Mr. Veal said both Representative Patsy Hazelwood and Senator Bo Watson have been contacted and asked to assist with facilitating discussions regarding the potential easement through state land that could provide a second access point. Vice Mayor Speek thanked the Police Department for assisting with traffic control and said that it has made a huge difference.
- c. Traffic Studies. Mr. Veal explained that staff contacted Volkert (a provider of transportation and infrastructure engineering services) regarding 3 projects. He said they quoted \$21,000 to investigate the traffic flow and safety at the 5 way, \$22,500 for Stratford Way and \$16,000 to assist in establishing policies and procedures to handle similar issues in the future. Council discussed the need for these studies since there have not been any significant safety issues to-date. Vice Mayor Speek said she thinks the Town needs to have a master plan of projects and their priority for the Town. Councilmember Lusk said that the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) led a strategic planning session in 2008 or 2010 and suggested Council could start with a review of that plan
- d. Fowl Ordinance. Councilmember Spalding asked the Council to remove the \$15.00 annual renewal fee for inspections and monitoring. He said that inspections and monitoring should be complaint driven. Mr. Veal said he would prepare an Ordinance for Council consideration at the next meeting.
- e. May 27th (Memorial Day) Reschedule Meeting/Cancel. After a short discussion, the Council agreed to cancel the May 27th meeting.
- f. Process in filling upcoming Council vacancy. The Council agreed to ask interested parties for an application as they had done to fill Vice Mayor Gee's vacancy last year. Mr. Veal will e-mail the prior application to the Council before to the next meeting

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the May 13, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

Vice Mayor Speek asked the Council members to bring their wish lists to the upcoming budget worksession.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder

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