**********July 8, 2019**********

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were:	Mayor Dan Landrum Vice Mayor Amy Speek (arrived at 6:09 p.m.) Councilmember Bill Lusk Councilmember Susannah Murdock Councilmember Robert Spalding
Also present were:	Town Manager Boyd Veal Town Attorney Harry Cash 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 none, the meeting resumed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE".

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mayor Landrum, Councilmember Lusk and Councilmember Murdock being in favor, and with Vice Mayor Speek and Councilmember Spalding opposed.

Discussion

a. Council Vacancy Applications. After Council discussion,

Vice Mayor Speek suggested one vote for their choice to fill the vacant Council position instead of ranked choice voting.

Mayor Landrum made a motion that at the next Council meeting the Council vote to fill the vacancy using ranked choice voting, which will consist of one round in which each Council member ranks each candidate one to three. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. After further discussion, Mayor Landrum withdrew his motion.

During further discussion, Mayor Landrum clarified that the ranked voting would be used to narrow the field from three candidates to two candidates in advance of the final vote.

Mayor Landrum made a motion that at the next Council meeting the Council vote to fill the Council vacancy using ranked choice voting, which will consist of each Council member ranking each candidate one to three, and that each Councilmember must vote for three candidates for it to be a valid vote. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mayor Landrum, Councilmember Lusk, and Councilmember Murdock in favor, and with Vice Mayor Speek and Councilmember Spalding opposed.

Councilmember Lusk asked Town Attorney, Harry Cash, if Council can ask questions of the candidates through Mr. Veal. Mayor Landrum asked if they can ask candidates questions on issues that might come before them for consideration while serving on the Council. Mr. Cash replied that Council can ask questions, but should avoid any questions relating to issues that might be heard by the Council in order to avoid the appearance of voting for a candidate for their position on a particular issue. After further discussions, Mr. Cash recommended against Council asking any questions of the candidates at this point.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the July 22, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

Councilmember Spalding said he has enjoyed serving on the Council. He said it was a privilege and an honor to have been selected by the community. He said that he has enjoyed working with the various Councils and that he looks forward to seeing how the new Council takes shape.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder