

*****November 10, 2025*****

The Signal Mountain town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Elizabeth Baker
Vice Mayor Clay Crumbliss
Councilmember Gardner
Councilmember Charles Poss
Councilmember Miles Jorgensen

Also present were: Town Manager Matthew Justice
Finance Director John Harr
Town Attorney Harry Cash
See attached list for others present

Mayor Baker invited Post Commander Captain Larry Taylor of American Legion Post 293 to lead the pledge of allegiance in honor of the veterans that work and live in Signal Mountain.

Captain Taylor stepped to the floor and lead the pledge of allegiance. Taylor asked everyone to join in moment of silence.

Roll Call

All Council members were present.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented to Council.

Proclamation Honoring Veteran, Town Employees for Veteran's Day 2025

A Proclamation honoring veteran, Town Employees for Veteran's Day 2025 was read by Mayor Baker. Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the proclamation. Vice Mayor Crumbliss seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Citizens' Opportunity to Address Council

Gail Green of 212 Grayson Road spoke on charity and government.

Rhonda Thomas of 425 Timberlinks Drive addressed various occurrences and issues on Signal Mountain.

Resolutions

1. R2025-64: "A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO SIGNAL MOUNTAIN SOCIAL SERVICES"

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. Councilmember Poss expressed his reticence on donating tax dollars for social services. Vice Mayor Crumbliss addressed the unique situation at hand. The remaining Council spoke on the topic. Baker, Crumbliss, and Poss being in favor; Gardner and Jorgensen against, the motion passed by majority with three votes.

2. R2025-63: "A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BIG WOODY'S TREE SERVICE"

Councilmember Poss made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

Town Manager Justice provided an update to the Council regarding the amount of the bid and the list of trees to be removed.

All present being in favor, the motion passed.

3. R2025-62: "A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS CYBER SECURITY MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM"

Councilmember Poss made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

Public Hearings Regarding Energy Conservation Ordinance 2025-02, and FEMA Flood Ordinance 2025-06

There were no requests to address Council on the proposed Ordinance.

Ordinances

1. O2025-02: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE SO AS TO ADOPT THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOMES AND TO ADOPT THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND TO ADOPT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODES AS THE OFFICIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN”

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. All being in favor, the ordinance passed unanimously on second reading.

2. O2025-06: “MUNICIPAL FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO MINIMIZE DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY DUE TO FLOODING, AND TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM”

Councilmember Poss made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion. All being in favor, the ordinance passed unanimously on second reading.

Discussion

- a. Library Board Term Expiration for Reappointment; Dave Graybeal Cara McGowan – the Council reached consensus to wait for the Library Board’s recommendation before moving the resolutions for reappointment forward for a vote.
- b. Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council

Mayor Baker reminded everyone of the food drive on the coming Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss encouraged citizens to consider charity for those in need of food.

Councilmember Jorgensen challenged Signal Mountain citizens to contribute with him in the need for food.

Councilmember Gardner echoed the sentiments of the Council, noting that there are families in the community who struggle with food insecurity and encouraged support for neighbors in need.

Councilmember Jorgensen reported that the Library Board plans to nominate officers at their next meeting.

c. Manager's Report – Town Manager Justice reported the following;

BZA, DRC, and Tree Board meetings are cancelled for November.
Town Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after.
Welcome to our new firefighters.

d. Reports from Committees and Boards

Mayor Baker reported on the Planning Commission meeting regarding the conceptual plan presented for a development on Shackleford Ridge. There will be a site visit for which all are welcomed to attend.

Mayor Baker announced the next meeting date to be a work session on Monday, November 24th, 2025.

With no further business, Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. All being in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Elizabeth Baker, Mayor

Recorder