

\*\*\*\*\*January 12, 2026\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

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

Also present were: Town Manager Matthew Justice  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Dick Graham  
Cheryl Graham  
Art Hagood  
Anne Hagood  
See attached list for others present

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

### **Roll Call**

Councilmember Andrew Gardner was absent.

### **Minutes**

No minutes were presented to Council.

### **Proclamation Honoring the Grahams**

A Proclamation honoring Dick and Cheryl Graham for their stewardship of the Mountain Arts Community Center was read by Vice Mayor Crumbliss.

### **Proclamation Honoring the Hagoods**

A Proclamation honoring Anne and Art Hagood for their generous volunteer service to the Mountain Arts Community Center was read by Mayor Baker.

### **Citizens' Opportunity to Address Council**

Mayor Baker asked if anyone present wished to address Council.

- Anne Hagood – James Boulevard, recognized volunteers of the Mountain Arts Community Center.

### **Resolutions**

R2026-09      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-64 AND DISSOLVING THE RECYCLE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN”

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

### **Board and Commission Reappointments**

R2026-04      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANDREW COYLE TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION”

R2026-03      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JON GARVICH TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION”

R2026-10      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MONICA BAKER TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PLANNING COMMISSION”

Councilmember Jorgensen made a motion to approve the resolution reappointing Andrew Coyle, Jon Garvich, and Monica Baker to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

R2026-01      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CLAIRE GRIESINGER TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS”

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

R2026-02      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES EXUM TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION”

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

R2026-06      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION  
REAPPOINTING JIM WEBSTER TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN  
TREE BOARD”

R2026-07      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION  
REAPPOINTING BARBARA WOMACK TO THE SIGNAL  
MOUNTAIN TREE BOARD”

R2026-08      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION  
REAPPOINTING PAIGE TAYLOR TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN  
TREE BOARD”

Councilmember Jorgensen made a motion to approve the resolution reappointing Jim Webster, Barbara Womack, and Paige Taylor to the Tree Board. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

R2026-11      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION  
REAPPOINTING FAITH QUINN TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN  
STORMWATER APPEALS BOARD”

R2026-05      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION  
REAPPOINTING JOSHUA ROGERS TO THE SIGNAL  
MOUNTAIN STORMWATER APPEALS BOARD”

Councilmember Jorgensen made a motion to approve the resolution reappointing Faith Quinn, and Josh Rogers to the Stormwater Appeals Board. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

Mayor Baker suggested the Council table the resolution reappointing the Hemlock Conservation Task Force to research further the origins and creation of the sub-committee. The Council reached consensus on tabling the resolution to a later date.

R2026-13      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION APPROVING  
THE REVISION OF THE FINANCE CLERK / COURT CLERK  
POSITION TO A FINANCE CLERK POSITION AND  
CORRESPONDING JOB DESCRIPTION”

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

R2026-14      “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
COMBINED RECORDS CLERK / COURT CLERK POSITION AND  
CORRESPONDING JOB DESCRIPTION”

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

### **Public Hearing Regarding Air Pollution Ordinance 2026-01**

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

### **Ordinances**

O2026-01 First Reading – “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 20, CHAPTER 3, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS “THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE,” BY PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE FEES”

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.

### **Discussion**

- 1) MACC Fee Ordinance 2026-02 (Facility rentals) – Town Manager Justice reviewed the purpose of the ordinance in providing the authority to the Town in setting fees. Council members discussed aspects of setting fees. The Council reached consensus on holding a special called meeting the coming Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. for a First Reading of the ordinance.
- 2) MOAs; Baseball and Softball – the Council reached consensus on league fees and increases over the next three years. Based on Public Works Department’s cost analysis of data compiled from operational costs in the 2025 season, fees will be as follows:
  - 2026 32%
  - 2027 54%
  - 2028 75%
- 3) Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council – there was nothing to report.
- 4) Manager’s Report – Town Manager Justice discussed the following: possible winter storms coming; assuming operational duties of the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) and the new MACC Manager; welcome to new firefighter Caleb Menzel.
- 5) Reports from Committees and Boards –
  - Councilmember Poss reported on behalf of the Planning Commission and the recent meeting at which the current item of the Shackleford Ridge Subdivision was tabled until the next meeting while the Commission waits to receive an environmental assessment.
  - Officer elections for all boards will be held this month or in February.

The Mayor announced the next meeting to be a special called meeting this Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and the next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business, Councilmember Jorgensen made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. With all present in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Elizabeth Baker, Mayor

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Recorder