

*****February 9, 2026*****

The Signal Mountain town Council held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Elizabeth Baker
Vice Mayor Clay Crumbliss
Councilmember Andrew Gardner arrived at 6:08 p.m.
Councilmember Charles Poss

Also present were: Town Manager Matthew Justice
Town Attorney Harry Cash (off camera)
Librarian John Atkinson
Police Chief Mike Williams
Fire Chief Larry Sloan
Community Development Director Chelsea Ryden
Public Works Director Wesley Stokes
See attached list for others present

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

Roll Call

Councilmember Miles Jorgensen was absent

Minutes

- 1) October 27, 2025 – in attendance; Baker, Crumbliss, Poss
- 2) November 10, 2025 – all Council members in attendance
- 3) November 24, 2025 – in attendance; Crumbliss, Gardner, Jorgensen
- 4) December 8, 2025 – in attendance; Crumbliss, Gardner, Poss
- 5) December 22, 2025 – in attendance; Baker, Crumbliss, Gardner, Poss

Councilmember Poss made a motion to approve all minutes together. Vice Mayor Crumbliss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

Citizens' Opportunity to Address Council

Mayor Baker asked if anyone present wished to address Council. There were no requests to address Council.

Finance Report – Finance Director John Harr

Finance Director John Harr provided an overall view of the finances of the Town including various funds, as well as account balances.

Department Head Quarterly Reports (Oct-Dec)

Department Heads presented quarterly information and totals to Council.

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| 1) Library | 5) Community Development |
| 2) Police | 6) Public Works |
| 3) Fire | 7) Water |
| 4) Finance | 8) Admin |

Resolutions

R2026-15 “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A PUMP AND PLUMBING REPLACEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TOWN”

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

R2026-17 “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ANNIE HALL TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS”

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

Ordinances

O2026-01 Second 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.

Councilmember Poss made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Crumbliss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed on Second Reading.

Public Hearing Regarding MACC Fee Ordinance O2026-02

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

O2026-02 Second Reading, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 5-505 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE BY DELETING SAID SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 5-505 REGARDING FEES FOR THE USE OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER (MACC)”

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion passed on Second Reading.

Discussion

1. Amend Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO) Resolution R2025-33 to Include Duties Related to Functions of the Condemnation Board and the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals: R2026-16 – the Council agreed on a revision of the resolution so that it directly reflects the language of the ordinances from which the AHO’s new authority would be derived.
2. Humane Educational Society (HES) – The Town has been alerted to an annual Fee Increase from \$9,900 to \$85,000 for the upcoming year. Discussion also included taxation of Citizens for animal services through the County, as well as the Town. The Council requested the Town Manager to determine the Town’s required level of service, explore options for meeting those obligations, and request that HES consider negotiating the proposed fee for the next year.
3. Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council – Vice Mayor Crumbliss referenced the survey as a tool to gather resident input on spending priorities, which will be used to help inform the budget development process.
4. Manager’s Report – Town Manager Justice reiterated that the survey will support informed planning and future decision-making, provide clarity for residents regarding the Town’s direction, and complement ongoing work on strategic goals.
5. Reports from Committees and Boards
 - Councilmember Poss suggested a discussion regarding the Tree Board’s concerns with services provided by Woody’s Tree Service, including the Board’s recommendation to consider hiring an arborist to improve tree trimming. He also requested a discussion on the Town’s donation policy as it relates to memorial plaques. Additionally, Councilmember Poss announced that the Tree Board will host a tree giveaway on April 4, 2026, at the Recycle Center.

- Councilmember Gardner reported on Parks and Recreation’s progress on the playground plan, noting that approximately one-quarter of the funding goal has been achieved. The Board discussed signage and rebranding, as well as properly mapped Town trails through GPS. Additionally, Councilmember Gardner announced a board member resignation and initiated discussion regarding the size of the Board, including consideration of reducing membership from nine to seven members.
- Mayor Baker informed the Council that the Planning Commission reached a consensus to table discussion and any action on the proposed subdivision on Shackleford Ridge Road until the next regular meeting, as the geotechnical report was not yet complete or available.

Mayor Baker announced the next meeting, Monday, February 23, 2026.

With no further business, Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. With all present being in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Elizabeth Baker, Mayor

Recorder