

*****June 8, 2026*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were: Mayor Elizabeth Baker
Vice Mayor Clay Crumbliss
Councilmember Charlie Poss
Councilmember Miles Jorgensen
Councilmember Andrew Gardner (arrived at 6:01 p.m.)

Also present were: Town Manager Matthew Justice
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Fire Chief Lawrence Sloan
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 at roll call and joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes

- 1) May 11, 2026
- 2) May 19, 2026
- 3) May 20, 2026
- 4) May 29, 2026

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the minutes of the **May 11, 2026** meeting. Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion. Councilmember Poss abstained. The remaining four councilmembers being in favor, the motion passed.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the minutes of **May 19, 2026, May 20, 2026, and May 29, 2026** meetings as a set. Councilmember Jorgensen 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.

- Morgan DeVan Smith - 3703 Fairmount Pike, introduced Acton Academy Signal Mountain, a learner-driven micro school planned for Signal Mountain.

Resolutions

R2026-27 “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE A GENESIS COMBINATION RESCUE TOOL FOR USE BY THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT”

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

R2026-28 “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KAREN RENNICH TO THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION”

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

R2026-29 “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE FOR PRIORITY USE OF TOWN FACILITIES”

Councilmember Jorgensen made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Poss seconded the motion. Town Manager Justice clarified that the agenda amount of \$650 was not updated and that the memorandum of agreement reflects a total annual fee of \$950, consisting of \$650 for spring and \$300 for fall. All present being in favor, the motion passed.

R2026-30 “A TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ADULT CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE FOR PRIORITY USE OF TOWN FACILITIES”

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

Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance to Amend Town Fire Code:
Title 7, Chapter 1, Sections 7-101, 7-102, and 7-103

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

Ordinances

O2026-16 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 7, CHAPTER 1, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, SECTIONS 7-101, 7-102, AND 7-103, RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE 2024 EDITION AS THE OFFICIAL FIRE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND ITS APPENDICES” – Second Reading

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

O2026-17 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-04 ENTITLED FY 2025-2026 BUDGET ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF APPROPRIATION IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS IN THIS BUDGET YEAR” – First Reading

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

O2026-18 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, HEREIN KNOWN AS THE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCE” – First Reading

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to amend the Ordinance to reflect general fund revenues of \$10,600,817.00 and general fund expenditures of \$10,942,141.00, including an additional expense of \$446,546.24 in Parks and Recreation ball field capital improvements and additional revenue of \$223,273.12 in other grants. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to amend. All present being in favor, the motion to amend passed.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss withdrew his original motion, and Councilmember Jorgensen withdrew his second. Vice Mayor Crumbliss made a motion to approve the Ordinance as amended. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion as amended passed on first reading.

Discussion

1) TDOT Sidewalk Update

Vice Mayor Crumbliss and Councilmember Poss reported on a recent call with TDOT regarding the sidewalk project. Vice Mayor Crumbliss stated that, based on the current classification of the project, the Town would not owe money back if the project were terminated before right-of-way began. He reported that the TIP is expected to be approved in the first half of July, with right-of-way acquisition beginning approximately 30 to 45 days thereafter, involving 22 properties and approximately 1,887 square feet. He reported, after right-of-way, TDOT estimated approximately one year before construction could begin.

Councilmember Poss stated that TDOT indicated internal improvements that would contribute to moving the project forward.

Town Manager Justice stated that the call was positive and that the Town must take ownership of managing its engineers, contractors, and right-of-way acquisition process.

Council discussed the need to decide whether to continue with the project and reached consensus to bring the item back at the next meeting for further discussion. Councilmembers were asked to send any specific questions to Town staff by Friday so staff may prepare information for the next meeting.

2) Engineering Contract for Althaus Improvements and Site Preparation Surrounding the Future Site of Dahlia Playground, Fundraising Update

Town Manager Justice reported that fundraising is continuing for Dahlia Playground.

Council discussed the possibility of a Fourth of July groundbreaking event related to the Dahlia Playground project if the engineering contract moves forward. Council reached consensus that Town staff may work in partnership with the playground group to plan a Fourth of July groundbreaking ceremony, subject to future Council action on the engineering contract.

3) Communications and Reports from the Mayor/Council

Mayor Baker reported that the Police and Fire Open House held the previous Saturday was well attended and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, participating vendors, and staff involved in the event.

Vice Mayor Crumbliss noted that the live fire demonstration was informative and emphasized the importance of leaving a home quickly in the event of a fire.

Town Manager Justice stated that the event was the largest and busiest open house to date and thanked Haley Morgan for her work coordinating the event.

4) Manager's Report - Town Manager Justice reported that the Summer Enrichment Series would begin at the Library the following day; pool season is underway and the pool is being used despite rainy weather; Public Works summer activities, including brush collection, mowing, road maintenance, and parks upkeep, are moving quickly; a blood drive with Police

and Fire will be held on June 17; and Town Hall will be closed on July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

5) Reports from Boards and Commissions

Vice Mayor Crumbliss reported on the Planning Commission meeting. He stated that the Red Maple Run conceptual plan review was not considered because the chair determined the submission did not meet the threshold for a conceptual plan. He reported that the Planning Commission approved a revised plat for the Shackleford Ridge development. He also reported that subdivision regulation review continues.

Councilmember Gardner reported on the Parks and Recreation Board meeting. Items discussed included purchase of a laser projector; tracking program revenues; pool staffing; a proposed lacrosse equipment donation for Hedges Field; potential consideration of Hamilton County soccer fields below the high school as a multi-purpose asset; an intern to assist with programs; lighting near the playhouse for safety; and potential changes to Town Code related to beer and wine at Town facilities or fundraising events. Mayor Baker stated that she would reach out to MTAS regarding suggested language for Chapter 8 related to beer and wine.

The Mayor announced the next meeting to be Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and stated that the meeting will include the second reading of the budget ordinance and public hearings for the budget and the budget amendment ordinance.

With no further business, Councilmember Jorgensen made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. With all present in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Elizabeth Baker, Mayor

Recorder