

**Town of Montreat
Board of Commissioners
Town Council Public Forum
November 3, 2016
Walkup Building**

Board members present: Mayor Tim Helms
Mayor Pro Tem Kitty Fouche
Commissioner Bill Gilliland
Commissioner Kent Otto
Commissioner Ann Vinson

Board members absent: Commissioner Mary Standaert

Town staff present: Al Richardson, Interim Town Administrator
Barry Creasman, Senior Water Operator
Angie Murphy, Town Clerk
Steve Freeman, Public Works Director

Call to Order

Approximately 5 people were in attendance. Mayor Helms called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the group in a moment of silence.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Vinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Gilliland seconded and the agenda was approved 4/0.

Public Forum

Mr. Tom Frist of 98 Frist Road, inquired about the new Town Hall Site. Mayor Helms advised Mr. Frist that the Town Hall Committee is still continuing to meet and they hope to make a presentation to Council in December. Mr. Frist also asked if the Town of Black Mountain had been contacted with regards to possible annexation efforts. Mayor Helms advised that they had been contacted by the Town Hall Committee.

Mrs. Martha Campbell of 149 Maryland Place, thanked the Public Works Crews for all their efforts in clearing the leaves from the rights-of-way. Mrs. Campbell also expressed her appreciation to the U.S. Forest Service for all of their hard work in putting out the fire on the East Ridge Trail.

Mr. Eric Nichols of 527 Suwannee Drive, inquired about when the Florida Terrace property would be sold. Mayor Helms advised that Council would need to decide the next course of action for the property and the Town just got a clear title within the past 4 weeks. Mr. Nichols also asked for updates on the Town Hall Committee and the Texas Road Bridge. Mr. Nichols expressed his disappointment that a vehicular bridge has not been provided by the Council.

Mrs. Alice Lentz of 115 Eastminster Terrace, thanked the Town Staff for all their hard work and for the Board for all they do each day for the Town of Montreat.

Mr. Tom Frist of 98 Frist Road, proposed if the Montreat Gate gets hit again it should be moved to the Texas Road Pedestrian Bridge to preserve the history.

Mr. Peter Boggs of 338 Chapman Road, stated that a hologram of the Montreat Gate is the best idea that he's heard as a solution thus far.

Mayor Pro Tem Fouche advised those in attendance to visit the Town of Montreat website to view the minutes and supporting documents of the Town Hall Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Fouche moved to adjourn the Public Forum Meeting. Commissioner Otto seconded and the motion carried 4/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Tim Helms, Mayor

Angie Murphy, Town Clerk