

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday February 27, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Hannah Harper. Mayor Mike Werner asked for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Jerry Hays and stated he was a great public servant and a great friend to many. After the moment of silence, Mayor Werner continued that Commissioner Harper, who had recently postponed her wedding due to the death of her father, Commissioner Mike Helton, had just gotten married and was not at the meeting because she was on her honeymoon. Mayor Werner then called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2018. Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith and then unanimously adopted.

There were no Reports of Boards or Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to announce that everyone is invited to the Jim Johnson Memorial Food Drive on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at the Park Vista Hotel. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. With a donation of 10 non-perishable food items or a cash donation of \$8.00 or more, a delicious lunch can be enjoyed at the Park Vista and also support the Sevier County Food Ministries; and,
- (2) that she would also like to announce that the City will host a Public Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at City Hall at 2:00 p.m. The Public is invited to discuss and provide input on proposed recreational development activities. The proposed project would be funded in part by a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Local Parks and Recreation Fund and that this is the second of two public meetings. She stated that the community is also invited to participate on the City of Gatlinburg Facebook page; and,
- (3) finally, that she would like to give an update on the construction Project that is about to commence on River Road at Baskins Creek. The City will begin a Tile Outlet Repair Project on River Road across from the "Triangle" where the confluence of Baskins Creek and the West prong of the Little Pigeon River occurs. A lane closure will occur on the southbound lane of River Road, adjacent to the river, in the immediate work zone and that two way traffic will be maintained at all times with pedestrian traffic being detoured as the sidewalk will be closed in the work zone. According to the Contractor, the Project is expected to begin on March

1, 2018, and will take two to three weeks to complete.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GOLF CART LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE GATLINBURG GOLF COURSE (DEFERRED 1/16/18).

The first Item under Old Business was discussion and Consideration of approving a Golf Cart Lease Purchase Agreement for the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the Golf Cart Lease Purchase Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager asked Finance Director, Robert Holt and Golf Professional, Rick Tucker to give an overview. Mr. Holt stated that the City's current 48 month lease on golf carts is set to expire in a couple of months. Mr. Holt continued that the City has 74 golf carts and the proposed lease would be a monthly cost of \$5132.00 per month which is about a 10% increase from what the City has been paying and stated that the type of cart that has been recommended is the Precedent Tempo Electric Sharp Experience which is a minor upgrade from the golf carts that the City has now. Mr. Holt asked Mr. Tucker to elaborate further on the golf carts. Mr. Tucker stated that the carts are compatible with some other options that can be added at a later time such as Golf Course management where areas on the golf course can be restricted. Mr. Tucker continued that this would be a great option for the mountainous terrain and by getting this model of cart, the cost to add options in the future would be more economical than if the City went with a different cart. The City Manager asked about other features that are already on the cart and Mr. Tucker replied that the carts have a video screen, play music, live stream sporting events, and a gps that gives a description of every hole. Mr. Tucker further stated that these features are paid for by the golfer on the cart with a credit card and have no cost to the City. Vice Mayor McCown asked what the cost would be to the golfer per round and Mr. Tucker replied that it would be \$7.95, or basically \$4.00 per player. Mr. Tucker further stated that this is something that the City could offer that no one else in the area has and that it would give golfers an incentive to come play the Course. Mr. Holt stated that these carts would give the golfer options for a better golf experience. Vice Mayor McCown asked if the cost of the video screens is in the lease and Mr. Tucker replied that the video screen is on the cart and is free for the first hole and then the golfer has the option to purchase it for the remainder of the course and that the City will get a percentage of options purchased by golfers. Vice Mayor McCown stated that it is time for new carts as he played last week and his was not in good shape. After these comments, the motion to accept the Golf Cart Lease Purchase Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RIGHTS OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH EXTENET SYSTEMS, INC.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a rights of way agreement with Extenet Systems, Inc. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to accept the Rights of Way Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that the City has been in conversation with Extenet Systems, Inc. for a couple of years and that Extenet had also reviewed their proposal at the Mid Fiscal Year Review meeting. The City Manager further stated that both this Item and the next Item are associated with giving Extenet Systems, Inc. the approval to put in a small cell tower infrastructure system in the downtown Gatlinburg area. The City Manager asked Mr. Eric Lovvorn, External Relations Director with Extenet Systems, Inc. to give an overview. Mr. Lovvorn stated that there was a detailed workshop recently held and he was prepared to answer any questions. Mr Lovvorn continued that the agreements have been fully negotiated and partially executed by Extenet Systems, Inc. and are just awaiting approval from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Lovvorn further stated that the purpose of this network is to add capacity to the existing wireless system in the City and is designed to support 5G. Mr. Lovvorn further stated that the introduction of 5G along with the increase in data usage by all of the tourists visiting the area is using up the current capacity of the cell towers in the area. Mr. Lovvorn continued that this small cell wireless system is going to be integrated into the existing light poles and utility poles and will offload the extra capacity being eaten up off of the cell towers and will allow visitors and residents to continue to have seamless wireless service. Mr. Lovvorn further stated that at this time the primary customer is Verizon Wireless, and that the system can accommodate the other major wireless carriers. Vice Mayor McCown asked Mr. Lovvorn if the new system will handle up to 6G, to which Mr. Lovvorn replied that it is only 5G at this time and that advertising and commercials for 5G will start in the beginning of 2019. Vice Mayor McCown then asks Mr. Lovvorn to explain Dark Fiber. Mr. Lovvorn stated that Dark Fiber is fiber that is not in use at the current time. Mr. Lovvorn further stated that what Extenet Systems, Inc. does is put in a fiber cable that is more than sufficient to handle current carriers plus any that come in the future so the system would not need to be upgraded for some time. Mr. Lovvorn concluded by stating that per the Dark Fiber Agreement, Extenet Systems, Inc. will give the City access to 6 strands of Dark Fiber for their use. After these comments, the motion to approve the Rights of Way Agreement with Extenet Systems, Inc. was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A DARK FIBER LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH EXTENET SYSTEMS, INC.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Dark Fiber License Agreement with Extenet Systems, Inc. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Dark Fiber License Agreement which was seconded by

Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ON-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR SHANNON AKEY, D/B/A, SMOKY MOUNTAIN TROUT HOUSE, 410 PARKWAY.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Shannon Akey, D/B/A, Smoky Mountain Trout House, and 410 Parkway. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE AQUARIUM PARKING GARAGE FOR THE SAFE SPACE GALA ON MAY 9, 2018.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage for the SafeSpace Gala on May 9, 2018. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage for the SafeSpace Gala on May 9, 2018 which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING PROPERTY PURCHASES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOOP ROAD SLIDE REPAIR PROJECT.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving property purchases associated with the Loop Road Slide Repair. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the property purchases which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager commented that this was also discussed at the Mid Fiscal Year Review. The City Manager further stated that this is a Project that was caused by a water line break in the Loop Road area and that a contract had been approved previously and that work was completed which allowed for the reopening of Loop Road. The City Manager continued that this part of the Project is associated with damage that the water line break caused to private property in the vicinity. The City Manager further stated that there had been a design of a retaining wall to remedy the situation and this would represent a \$42,000.00 purchase of property including one small parcel and a larger parcel measuring approximately .44 acres. The City Manager concluded that this property purchase actually saves the City \$90,000.00 as opposed to building the retaining wall. After these comments, the motion to approve the property purchases associated with the Loop Road Slide Repair Project was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO NOVAK TROUT FARMS FOR THE ANNUAL PURCHASE OF RAINBOW TROUT.

Item (F) under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a single bid to Novak Trout Farms for the annual, purchase of rainbow trout. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the bid which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that this was a single bid and that funding was available in the Recreation Department budget. The City Manager confirmed with the Recreation Director that it is normal to receive a single bid and Mr. Nicely stated that it is normal and that the City has been using this same supplier for many years. Mr. Nicely further stated there was an increase of .10 per pound and this would be a one year contract with the option to renew. After these comments, the motion to approve the single bid to Novak Trout Farms for the annual purchase of rainbow trout was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2523, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, BUDGET ORDINANCE, FIRST READING.

Item (G) under New Business was Ordinance Number 2523, an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year Budget beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, Budget Ordinance, First Reading. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager commented, that in the Agenda packet, is a copy of the Ordinance as well as a memorandum from Finance Director Robert Holt explaining the various items that are being proposed for funding at this point in the Fiscal Year. The City Manager continued that this is a result of discussions that occurred at the Mid Fiscal Year Review in January. The City Manager further stated that the listing included the items in the General Fund such as take home patrol cars, one half of soft costs associated with the Memorial/Tribute Project which is being split with the County and Chalet Village Wayfinding Signs. The City Manager continued that related to the 122 Fund, the only item was appropriation for the Mynatt Park Conceptual Plan which is underway and a workshop will be forthcoming in the near future. The City Manager concluded with the item related to the Water fund which was water line replacement in the Silver Bell Heights area before much need paving is done there. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2523 was unanimously approved on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2524, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS AND SUBSTITUTING SECTION R313.3 REGARDING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN

TOWNHOUSES AND DELETING SECTION 313.2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE RELATED TO SPRINKLER REQUIREMENTS IN ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS, FIRST READING.

Item (H) under New Business was Ordinance Number 2524, an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code by adding subsections and substituting Section R313.3 regarding automatic sprinkler systems in townhouses and deleting Section 313.2 of the International Residential Code related to sprinkler requirements in one and two family dwellings, First Reading. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager asked Building and Planning Director, David Ball to give an overview. Mr. Ball stated that this Ordinance does not change the City's current practices relating to sprinklers and continued that the State had some recommendations in regards to the City's Ordinances related to one and two family dwellings and townhouses. Mr. Ball continued that the first recommendation by the State was to exempt out of sprinkler requirements for those type family dwellings with the second recommendation being to adopt the exception to the townhouses which would allow utilization of a two hour fire resistant wall between units in lieu of a sprinkler system, provided that all requirements are met. Mr. Ball concluded by reiterating that this Ordinance does not change the existing practices of the City as it relates to sprinklers. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2524 was unanimously approved on First Reading.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Don Smith:

(1) Commissioner Smith commented that Jerry Hays will be missed and for everyone to remember his family in their prayers.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown

(1) Vice Mayor McCown commented that he would like to congratulate Hannah Harper on her marriage and that he sends his thoughts and prayers to Nancy Hays and the Hays family. Vice Mayor McCown further stated that Jerry Hays was a great example as a City Commissioner and was a personal friend and that he will miss him every day.

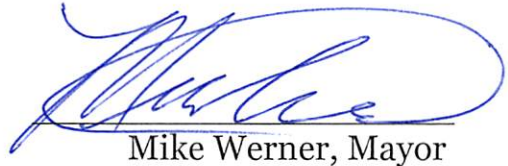
Mayor Mike Werner

(1) Mayor Werner commented that he would like to offer his condolences to the Hays family. Mayor Werner further stated that Jerry Hays was a class act and a Gatlinburg icon and having the opportunity to serve on the City Commission with him was a real privilege. Mayor Werner concluded by thanking everyone for their kind words of support and asked that everyone continue to keep the Hays family in their prayers.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Cindy C. Ogle

Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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Mike Werner, Mayor