

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Hannah Helton Harper. Mayor Mike Werner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Building and Planning Director David Ball gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2019. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Reports and Boards of Committees, Mayor Werner presented service awards to Fire Chief Charlie Cole of the Fire Department who received his 25 year watch and to John Bridges of the Fire Department who also received his 25 year watch for their service with the City of Gatlinburg.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to announce that on February 28, 2019 Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies is hosting "Fantasy, Fairytales and Fables" Gala fundraiser for Pi Beta Phi Elementary School Library renovations; and,
- (2) that she would like to announce that the Gatlinburg Fire Department will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Fit for Duty 5K & 10K on March 1, 2019, and that proceeds from the Event will go to the Gatlinburg Firefighter's Association Fund.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2533, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY RECLASSIFYING PARCEL 23 OF TAX MAP 126K, GROUP D, LOCATED AT 610 RIVER ROAD FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY) TO C-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT, FIRST READING (PASSED PLANNING COMMISSION 12/20/2018 and City Commission 01/15/2019).**

First Item under old business was discussion and consideration of approving Ordinance Number 2533, amending the Zoning Ordinance by reclassifying Parcel 23 of Tax Map 126K, Group D, located at 610 River Road from R-2 (Medium Density) to C-2 (General Business) District. Commissioner McCown made a motion to approve the rezoning which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and, there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve the rezoning was then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR LAUREL ELZIBETH POLAND D/B/A GOODWATER VINEYARD, LLC, 651 PARKWAY #105**

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a certificate of good moral character for Laurel Elizabeth Poland D/B/A Goodwater Vineyard, LLC, and 651 Parkway #105. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Certificate of Good Moral Character which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE RIVER ROAD INTERSECTION AT PARKWAY.**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Engineering Agreement related to the River Road Intersection at Parkway. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager stated that this Agreement would be with CDM Smith who has done a preliminary study of the Mountain Mall/Aquarium Crosswalk and that Mr. Jeff Mize, Engineer with CDM Smith, is here to explain the Concept Plan. The City Manager further stated that there had been a Workshop meeting on this Project about a month ago and follow up meetings with several business owners in that area have occurred and then asked Mr. Mize to review the Concept Plan which he proceeded to do so stating that the purpose of the Plan is to improve traffic flow and safety of pedestrians and reviewed the proposal layout and changes to the area. Commissioner DeSear stated he agreed with doing the Project and would like to have Police presence after school for a few weeks to help direct children and traffic safely across the new intersections. Commission McCown had a few questions about the sidewalk and extending the fence to prevent pedestrians from trying to cross where there was not a crosswalk. Mr. Mize then stated railings were to be installed that would help prevent crossing where there were no pedestrian crosswalks. After discussion, the motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with CDM Smith was then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A BRIDGE GRANT CONTRACT WITH TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) RELATED TO THE STEPHEN DRIVE BRIDGE PROJECT.**

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Bridge Grant Contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Stephen Drive Bridge Project. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Bridge Grant Contract which was seconded by Commission Smith. The City Manager stated that Public Works Director Larry Henderson was present as well as Mr. Kyle Horner, the Engineer on the Project and asked the Public Works Director to come forward and give an overview of the Project. The City Manager then stated that this is the Contract to enter into with Tennessee Department of Transportation and would represent extra monies of about \$30,000 and that Staff is requesting and recommending to proceed with the Project and that there would be a budget transfer closer to the end of the Fiscal Year due to the need to proceed with the repair on the bridge. Mr. Henderson stated that the City needs to proceed as soon as possible and that the total estimated cost is \$273,362 and of this amount the City would have to match \$58,751 making the Grant a

78.5 percent to 21.5 percent local match. Mayor Werner ask if there was any further discussion and there being none, the motion to approve the Tennessee Department of Transportation Grant Contract was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ANNA PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Item D under New Business is discussion and consideration of approving the Board Members of the Anna Porter Public Library. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the roster as presented which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear and unanimously approved.

**The named Board Members are as follows:**

<b>Bill Mellor, Chair</b>	<b>Brain Papworth</b>
<b>Buie Hancock, County Chair</b>	<b>Deb Veranth</b>
<b>Larry Claiborne, Treasurer</b>	<b>Karen Bentz</b>
<b>Lauren Mellor, Secretary</b>	<b>Sharon Mellor</b>
<b>Bill Hale</b>	

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO KONE, INC. RELATED TO THE INTERIOR ELEVATORS RENOVATION PROJECT AT THE MCMAHAN PARKING GARAGE.**

Item E under New Business is discussion and consideration of approving single bid to KONE, INC. related to the Interior Elevators Renovation Project at the McMahan Parking Garage. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager stated this was the second time the Project had been bid and both times a single bid was received and also stated that extra monies were put into the Parking Budget for the upkeep and maintenance on the Parking Garages and that the single bid is in the amount of \$27,425. Commissioner DeSear asked what renovations were being performed on the elevators and the Finance Director explained that the repairs were for the aesthetic replacements on the inside of two elevators. The motion to approve the Single Bid to KONE, INC. then was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING OTHER THAN LOW BID FOR A TROLLEY ENGINE TO LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL.**

Item F under New Business is discussion and consideration of approving Other Than Low Bid for a Trolley Engine to Landmark International. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Smith then seconded. The City Manager then asked the Finance Director to review this item and Mr. Holt stated that Service Center Manager had recommended Landmark International performing the work on the Trolley since they had diagnosed the problem and had always provided good service in the past. The motion to approve the Other Than Low Bid to Landmark International was then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY TREE BOARD.**

Item G under New Business is Discussion and Consideration of making an Appointment to The City Tree Board. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to appoint Mr. Steve Wilson to the Tree Board which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then was unanimously approved.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Ryan DeSear:**

(1) Commissioner DeSear referenced that it had been one year since the passing of Commissioner Jerry Hays and what a great public servant he was to our community and someone that is very much missed and how honored he is to sit in his Commission chair.

**Commissioner Don Smith:**

(1) Commissioner Smith thanked Chief Charlie Cole and John Bridges for their 25 years of service to the City of Gatlinburg.

**Vice Mayor Mark McCown:**

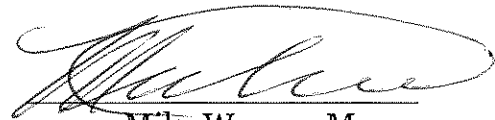
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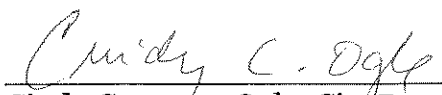
**Mayor Mike Werner:**

(1) Mayor Mike Werner thanked Chief Charlie Cole and John Bridges for their 25 years of service; and:

(2) Stated that the City needed to identify properties that would be suitable for employee housing and report back to Commission with any ideas for discussion. The City Manager stated that she would do so.

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.

  
Mike Werner, Mayor

  
Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder  
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