

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday November 6, 2018 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. Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Steve Marr and Police Officer Adam Rose who were both important people in our City and community and had recently passed.

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

Mayor Werner then recognized Coach Hagen Sims and asked him to speak about the Gatlinburg-Pittman Girls Volleyball Team. Mr. Sims stated that that the Team had many accomplishments this year including making it to State for the first time, winning District, making it to the Region Championship for the first time, winning the Sectional for the first time, and winning their first State match, and then losing in the second round. The City Manager commented that a Certificate of Recognition is being prepared for the Team and would be ready in the coming weeks and that she hoped the Team would be able to return to receive that Certificate.

Mayor Werner then presented service awards to Eric Hughes and Jimmy Metcalf of the Sanitation Department and Tommy Trentham of the Building and Maintenance Department who have celebrated 20 years with the City and received a clock recognizing those years of service.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to begin by announcing that the Great Smoky Arts and Crafts Community was recently presented with an American Craft Week Star Award for "Best Collaborating Artist Event: Great Smoky Arts and Craft Community, Do the Loop and Learn a Craft." The "Hands on Gatlinburg" event offered many classes in pottery, glass, weaving, marbling and woodworking for the public to make and take home a traditional craft piece, assisted by professional craft artists. This event collaborated with "Visit Gatlinburg" who provided the public easy access, seamless web support and event listing via <https://www.gatlinburg.com>; and,

(2) that she would like to advise of some upcoming events including the Gatlinburg Chili Cook-Off presented by Bush's Chili Beans which will be held on November 7 from 5-8 p.m. in the parking lot at 715 Parkway. She also advised that there would be a Veteran's Day Celebration on Sunday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Anakeesta Plaza and that, since 2000, Gatlinburg has been designated as an official Regional site for the Observance of Veterans Day and the community is invited to come out to this very special ceremony to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; and

(3) that she would like to also advise of some other upcoming City events including that the 45th Annual Festival of Trees, presented by Hospitality Solutions, will be held November 21-25 at Mills Auditorium and proceeds from the event will benefit the Great Smoky Mountain Boys and Girls Club and the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation. She also advised that the 43rd annual Christmas Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. and will step off at East Parkway with a mile of floats, marching bands, giant balloons and more and that Parade goers can purchase grandstand seats in the television zone at traffic light #3 where they will receive a special Winter Magic scarf to wear during the parade and a dvd of the entire event and tickets may be purchased at Gatlinburg.com for \$20; and

(4) that she would like to share one added note that Smoky Mountain Harvest Festival has been an enormous success and the new scarecrows have been very well received by our visitors and that the week after Thanksgiving, the scarecrows will be replaced with Winter Magic Snow People officially kicking off Gatlinburg Winter Magic.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR STEVIE WILSON, D/B/A GATLINBURG BREWING COMPANY, 458 PARKWAY.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Certificate of Good Moral Character for Stevie Wilson, D/B/A Gatlinburg Brewing Company, 458 Parkway. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Certificate of Good Moral Character which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR MITCH MCCARTER, D/B/A PARKWAY LIQUOR, 288 PARKWAY.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Certificate of Good Moral Character for Mitch McCarter, D/B/A Parkway Liquor, 288 Parkway. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Certificate of Good Moral Character which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MITCH MCCARTER, D/B/A PARKWAY LIQUOR, 288 PARKWAY.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration Certificate Compliance for Mitch McCarter, D/B/A Parkway Liquor, 288 Parkway. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear and then unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 957, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE CITY OF GATLINBURG.

Item D under New Business was Resolution Number 957, a Resolution authorizing the creation of an Industrial Development Board for the City of Gatlinburg. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager commented that this Item, along with Item E, is related to Resolution 955 that was passed by Commission on September 18, creating an affordable workplace Housing Program. The City Manager further stated that in that Program there are parameters that a developer would have to meet including that a certain number of units would need to be built and a certain rental rate structure would need to be met. The City Manager continued that this is solely related to workforce housing and the Program was created for a one year period and can be extended. The City Manager further stated that these items are necessary to make the Program a reality and the terminology is a PILOT Program which stands for Property in Lieu of Tax Payments and the City Attorney has worked with the Bond Counsel on the creation of these Resolutions and that this item would create an Industrial Development Board (IDB) which is the type of Board that needs to be created to accept the applications subject to meeting the parameters set by Resolution 955. The City Manager continued that the idea is to make the City's existing Public Building Authority the IDB and asked the City Attorney to further explain. Mr. Sharp stated that Industrial Development Boards have certain responsibilities and can act on behalf of the City or County and that with the Program related to workplace housing, the IDB would be beneficial to the City. Mr. Sharp further stated that this Board would be the Body that would see that the parameters outlined in Resolution 955 are met and would approve that. Mr. Sharp continued that the Cities of Sevierville and

Pigeon Forge, along with the County, have Industrial Development Boards and this would put the City in line with those entities. After these comments, Resolution 957 was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 958, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEWLY CREATED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.

Item E under New Business was Resolution Number 958, a Resolution authorizing the newly created Industrial Development Board to act on behalf of the City in the development of workforce housing. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The Vice Mayor proceeded to read the composition of the Board including Kirby Smith, Sam Cox, Tim Morrison, Chad Reagan, Bud Ralph Lawson, Charles Earl Ogle, Jr., and Bud Ogle. After these comments, Resolution 958 was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 959, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES WITH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS, NOTES, AND/OR LOANS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY.

Item F under New Business was Resolution Number 959, a Resolution declaring the intent of the City of Gatlinburg, Tennessee to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of bonds, notes, and/or loans to be issued by the City. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager commented that in this year's Budget, Commission approved four Projects that would be funded via the issuance of 1.2 million dollars of debt. The City Manager further stated that the next item on the Agenda is an Engineering Services Agreement with Robert G. Campbell and Associates related to the Glades Road to Buckhorn Road water and sewer extensions and with that item on the Agenda, it made it necessary to get this Resolution in place. The City Manager stated that the Resolution simply states that, once the debt is issued, the City can use part of that money to offset the engineering costs associated with these Capital Projects. Commissioner DeSear asked if the City got a jump start by paying ahead and will get paid back when the debt is issued to which the City Manager replied yes, that is a fair way to describe it. After these comments, Resolution 959 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT G.

CAMPBELL AND ASSOCIATES RELATED TO THE GLADES ROAD TO BUCKHORN ROAD WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS.

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Engineering Services Agreement with Robert G. Campbell and Associates related to the Glades Road to Buckhorn Road water and sewer extensions. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC, A GEORGIA CORPORATION, D/B/A AT & T TENNESSEE.

Item H under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Utility Easement Agreement with Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC, a Georgia corporation, d/b/a A T & T Tennessee. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to defer the Utility Easement Agreement to the next Commission Meeting due to changes being made by A T & T Tennessee and only received this week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeSear and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO CHARLES BLALOCK AND SONS, INC., FOR MILLING AND PAVING A SECTION OF RIVER ROAD FROM LONG BRANCH ROAD TO THE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY.

Item I under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a single bid to Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc., for milling and paving a section of River Road from Long Branch Road to the National Park boundary. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the single bid which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The City Manager commented that part of this is the idea of expediting the Paving Program and getting as much asphalt down as quickly as possible. The City Manager further stated that the single bid did come in \$25,000 over what was actually in the Paving Program, and that the City has seen a savings of \$75,000 in the paving that has already been done and there is money in the Budget to cover this Project. After these comments, the motion to approve a single bid to Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc., for milling and paving a section of River Road from Long Branch Road to the National Park boundary was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SEVIER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER, INC.

Item J under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sevier County Animal Shelter, Inc. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager commented that this is officially acknowledging the City's relationship with the newly created Sevier County Animal Shelter, Inc. The City Manager further stated that each of the Cities and the County are participants in this and the facility opened on November 1, 2018. The City Manager continued that the City's share of the funding is in the amount of \$34,000 and is covered in the Budget and this is basically to recognize the City's role in the newly formed Organization. Commissioner DeSear asked if \$34,000 is a typical amount for funding to which the City Manager replied that it has been that amount for many years. After these comments, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sevier County Animal Shelter, Inc., was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A TROLLEY SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE GREENBRIER CAMPGROUND.

Item K under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Trolley Service Contract with the Greenbrier Campground. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to defer the Trolley Service Contract which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The Mayor recognized Mr. Duffy Nelson who introduced others present and proceeded to discuss their concerns with the trolleys going out of the City limits. Mr. Nelson stated that it would have adverse effects on LeConte and Twin Creek Campgrounds. Vice Mayor McCown responded to Mr. Nelson and told him that they would speak after the meeting and he would give him a copy of the Contract. Mr. Nelson asked for consideration of the concerns that he and the others had brought forward. After these comments, the motion to defer the Trolley Service Contract with Greenbrier Campground to the next Commission Meeting was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT TO CONVEY TROLLEY GPS EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY OF PIGEON FORGE.

Item L under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving Contract to convey Trolley GPS equipment to the City of Pigeon Forge. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager asked the Finance Director to further explain. Mr. Holt stated that this is something that the City has done occasionally when there is surplus equipment that is no long being used by the City which can be used by other Government. Mr. Holt further stated that the City is allowed to convey the equipment to another Government and that the equipment in this case

is thirty-three digital bus recorders that the City no longer uses and that the City of Pigeon Forge does still use and it is more practical to convey the equipment to them rather than try to post and sell it elsewhere. After these comments, the motion to approve a Contract to convey Trolley GPS equipment to the City of Pigeon Forge was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Ryan DeSear:

- (1) Commissioner DeSear asked about the status of the Downtown crosswalks being repainted to which the Public Works Director replied that Blalock's has committed to having the repainting done by week after next at the latest; and,
- (2) Commissioner DeSear commented that the City has done a great job on all of the paving; and,
- (3) Commissioner DeSear commented that the Chili Cook-Off is a great event that he is excited for; and,
- (4) Commissioner DeSear commented about the Election and praised all those who came out to vote; and,
- (5) Commissioner DeSear asked about the prospect of getting pedestrian counters on the sidewalks and car counters on the streets to gauge visitation to which the City Manager replied that she would get an update on this from the Convention and Visitors Bureau and report back to him.

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to thank Eric Hughes, Tommy Trentham, and Jimmy Metcalf for their twenty years of service to the City and stated that they are all great employees and it says a lot for the City as well.

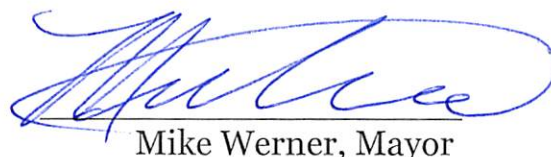
Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

- (1) Vice Mayor McCown commented that he would also like to congratulate Eric Hughes, Tommy Trentham, and Jimmy Metcalf for their service to the City.


Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Mayor Werner asked that everyone keep the families of Adam Rose and Steve Marr in their prayers; and,
- (2) Mayor Werner commented that he would like to congratulate tonight's award recipients on 20 years of service with the City and stated that the City has some wonderful and loyal employees; and,
- (3) Mayor Werner commented that the Gatlinburg-Pittman Highlanders Football Team will play at Austin-East this Friday and invited everyone to come out and support them.

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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