

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 7, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Hannah Helton Harper. Mayor Mike Werner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2018. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

The only item under Petitions and Communications from the Public and Items from the audience was the Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to the Sevier County Community Theater Group by Mayor Werner.

There were no Reports of Boards or Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to begin by reminding everyone that the Community Center is closed this week, for the annual maintenance and will re-open at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 13, and resume normal operating hours; and,
- (2) that she would also like to remind everyone that Tuesday, August 14, is the first day of school in Sevier County and to please be mindful of school zones and the new law prohibiting the use of cell phones in school zones. There will be extra Police Officers present before and after school to encourage safety in school zones; and
- (3) that she would like to announce that the 19th Annual Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, August 30, at the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Registration and lunch will be from 11:00 a.m. to noon with a Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. with lunch being sponsored by DVL Seigenthaler and dinner being sponsored by Alvin's Kitchen and that this is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Foundation who funds traditional and non-traditional scholarships, provides support to local schools and teachers and provides community education programs.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2528, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, AND TO CARRY FORWARD

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended (Passed First Reading 7/17/18)

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2528, an Ordinance making and fixing the Annual Appropriation for the several Departments of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2018, and to carry forward Appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended (Passed First Reading 7/17/18). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan DeSear. Mayor Werner opened the Public Hearing in which there were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed. Ordinance Number 2528 was then unanimously adopted on Second Reading, as amended.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2529, A PROPERTY TAX LEVYING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 7/17/18).

The last Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2529, a Property Tax Levying Ordinance for the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2018, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 7/17/18). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT G. CAMPBELL AND ASSOCIATES, LP, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE SPRUCE LANE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with Robert G. Campbell and Associates, LP, for engineering services related to the Spruce Lane Bridge Replacement Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager commented that this is a Project that is being fully funded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) through the Improve Act Program that was approved last year. The City Manager further stated that the estimated cost of this Project is in the neighborhood of \$500,000 with engineering costs being 12% of construction costs. After these comments, the Professional Services Agreement with Robert G. Campbell and Associates, LP, for engineering services related to the

Spruce Lane Bridge Replacement Project was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 951, A RESOLUTION SETTING AND ESTABLISHING THE FEES, RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE GATLINBURG GOLF COURSE.

Item B under New Business was Resolution Number 951, a Resolution setting and establishing the fees, rates and charges for the use of the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager commented that this Resolution relates to discussions during the Budget process. The City Manager then asked Golf Course Manager Rick Tucker and Mr. Holt to come up and further explain and asked Mr. Tucker when rates were last increased at the Golf Course to which he replied that it was in 2008. Mr. Holt stated that the City is raising the rates by \$5 and extending discounts to Veterans. Mr. Holt further stated that the last time the Golf Resolution was amended was to change the definition of a student to include college students. Mr. Tucker stated that this Resolution will keep the City in line with the Sevierville Golf Course who just increased their rates on July 1. Mr. Tucker reiterated that this was the first rate increase for the City in ten years and that this increase will help to offset other cost increases that have occurred such as the golf cart contract. Mr. Tucker further stated that the number of people playing golf is down across the Nation and in order to increase revenue, it will need to be done by fees and not rounds and added that rounds at the Gatlinburg Golf Course have remained consistent for the last twenty years. Mr. Holt commented that this Resolution also changes the definition of the seasons by expanding the off season to include December through April in order to increase the Prime Season. Vice Mayor McCown asks Mr. Tucker to clarify the details in regards to the Shark System on the golf carts. Mr. Tucker stated that there are three Programs that go with the Shark System on the carts including the GPS/live streaming that the golfer pays for and the Restriction and Control Programs that the City pays for and that with the Restriction and Control Programs the City will have the capability to keep the carts out of restricted areas such as hillsides, reduce the speed of the carts when necessary and several other functions which will improve the City's liability in the case of an accident or incident. Commissioner DeSear asked if the student discount would apply to home schooled students and Mr. Tucker replied that it would. After these comments, Resolution Number 951 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 952, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A 2019 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT.

Item C under New Business was Resolution Number 952, authorizing the City to

submit an application for a 2019 Transportation Alternatives Grant. Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The City Manager commented that this was mentioned at the last City Commission meeting as to an update regarding the Memorial/Tribute Project and this is the Grant application that was talked about in that report. The City Manager further stated that this is to apply for a not to exceed one million dollar Project that will be 75% funded through the TDOT Program with the remaining 25% to be split between the City and County. The City Manager continued that this is part of the Grant package to send in to TDOT in the very near future. After these comments, Resolution Number 952 was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City vehicles and equipment as surplus. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve declaring certain City vehicles and equipment as surplus which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The City Manager commented that this does include impounded vehicles which are listed on the first page of the memorandum and City vehicles and miscellaneous equipment which are listed on the second page. The City Manager continued that for these items to be sold at Public auction or on GovDeals, Commission must declare them surplus. After these comments, the motion to approve declaring certain impounded and City vehicles and equipment as surplus was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Ryan DeSear:

(1) Commissioner DeSear commented that it is a huge honor to fill the remaining term of Jerry Hays, a man that he respects very much. Commissioner DeSear continued that he had the pleasure of being the City Manager on Government Day when Jerry Hays was Mayor and that Jerry Hays would always be etched in his memory as Mayor of Gatlinburg. Commissioner DeSear stated that if he can do Jerry Hays any kind of justice by sitting in his seat, that he would be honored to do so as Jerry Hays was as upstanding of a man as anyone has ever known.

(2) Commissioner DeSear commented that he would like to thank the City Commission and Citizens for allowing him to serve the City and stated that he could not imagine a finer city to serve than Gatlinburg.

(3) Commissioner DeSear also thanked the Finance Director for taking the time to educate him on how City finance works.

Commissioner Don Smith:

(1) Commissioner Smith commented that he would like congratulate Commissioner DeSear on his Election and he looks forward to working with him. Commissioner Smith also congratulated the Sevier County Community Theater Group for the great work they have done and stated that he had heard many good things about the Program.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

(1) Vice Mayor McCown commented that he would like to congratulate Commissioner Ryan DeSear on his Election and that he looks forward to working with him in the coming months and also wished him a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Mike Werner

(1) Mayor Werner commented that he would like to congratulate Commissioner Ryan DeSear on his Election and stated that he looked forward to serving with him.

(2) Mayor Werner also stated that he would like to commend Ober Gatlinburg and the Anders Family on the 45th anniversary of the Aerial Tramway and all they do for the Gatlinburg Community.

(3) Mayor Werner also asked that everyone continue to keep praying for Boston Smith and his family as he continues to recover.

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



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder/cl