

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 2, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Jerry Hays. 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 July 19, 2016. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Mike Helton and then unanimously adopted.

There were no Petitions or Communications from the Public or Reports of Boards and Committees.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to begin with a couple of reminders, the first being that the Community Center will be closed for annual maintenance beginning Monday, August 8 through Sunday, August 14 and that the Center will reopen to the public on Monday, August 15 at 6:00 A.M. The City Manager continued that the second reminder is that the Chamber of Commerce annual picnic will be held on Thursday, August 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Park Vista Hotel's outdoor pavilion; and,

(2) that she would also like to give an updated regarding the completion by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) of the Highway 321 milling and paving project and that TDOT has advised that permanent striping is to start tonight subject to weather along with the cleaning of catch basin of milling debris. The City Manager further stated that there is also repair work to asphalt and loop replacement that is necessary and that the contract is scheduled to be complete on or before August 31, 2016; and,

(3) that she would like to provide an update regarding the City's in-house paving of Glades Road which began yesterday. The City Manager stated that the Public Works Director has advised that the southbound lane is complete as of this evening and with work tomorrow, the project will be 75% complete and that the plan is to complete the paving on Monday of next week with striping on Tuesday and that as with the Highway 321 project, of course, this schedule is subject to weather; and,

(4) that she would like to announce that next week is National Farmer's Market Week and that the Gatlinburg Farmers Market will host its annual Herb Festival, tomato tastings, a special giveaway and fun activities for the children. The City Manager further stated that the Farmer's Market is held from 8:30 A.M. to noon every Saturday at the Covered Bridge on Glades Road; and,

(5) that she would like to announce that the August 8, 2016 Budget Workshop will not be needed; and,

(6) that finally, she would like to ask the Building and Planning Director to provide a report as to Vice Mayor McCown's recent request to look into the possibility of using stealth technology to disguise the cell tower that was recently approved for placement next to the Community Center. Mr. Ball then stated that Mr. Ralph Wyngarden had responded that the stealth application was not practical in this instance citing that the stealth technology would have negative impacts on the aesthetics of the surrounding natural area, reduced co-location opportunities, and additional structural loading of the tower which would impact ability to accommodate multiple providers.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2501, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, Public Hearing And Second Reading, As Amended (Passed First Reading 7/19/2016).

The only Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2501, an Ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriation for the several Departments of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended (Passed First Reading 7/19/2016). Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve Ordinance Number 2501, as amended, was unanimously adopted on Second Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR THE USAGE OF THE FRED MCMAHAN PARKING GARAGE SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2016, FROM THE ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request for the usage of the Fred McMahan Parking Garage September 21-25, 2016, from the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. Mr. Bill May then thanked City Commission for always working with Arrowmont

with these requests and stated that there are over two hundred participants for this International Conference so there will be many foreign visitors and that most participants are staying at private accommodations within the City which is good for business. After these comments, the motion to approve the requested usage of the McMahan Parking Garage was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MCGILL ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

The only other Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Consulting Agreement with McGill Associates for Engineering Services associated with the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that representatives from McGill Associates Mr. Joel Storrow and Mr. Keith Webb along with the City's Utilities Manager Mr. Dale Phelps were in attendance. The City Manager then stated that the Agreement is in the amount of \$64,000 and that it is to cover two tasks and that McGill Associates have already begun work on one task as part of the Digester 2 Rehabilitation Project and that the other task is related to more work that has to be done to stay in good standing with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) as to the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City Manager then asked Mr. Joel Storrow to further explain and Mr. Storrow stated that the two tasks are actually required by the discharge permit and that this will aid the City in delaying a more significant investment in the Treatment Plant, that will come eventually, by optimizing the treatment process now in place to try to control phosphorus to a lower level and that TDEC has allowed the City to proceed with these tasks. After these comments, the motion to approve a Consulting Agreement with McGill Associates was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:


Vice Mayor McCown:

- (1) Commended the Public Works Director and the Street Department Crews for the great paving work being done around the City and mentioned that over the last two Budgets that approximately \$3.5 million has been set aside for paving over 30 miles of roads and that the decreased cost in fuel has helped with that process.

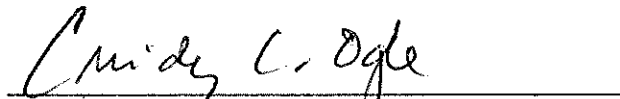
Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Thanked the City Manager and the Finance Director for their good Budget work and that it is very informative and that the Budget is a long and lengthy process but well worth it; and,
- (2) Encouraged support for the Gatlinburg Farmer's Market and stated that they have a lot of good people and good food and that it is held on Saturday's 8:30 A.M. to noon at the Covered Bridge in Glades.

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



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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