

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 8, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present. 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 18, 2017. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public and Items from the audience the City Attorney explained that on June 20, 2017, the City Commission adopted Resolution Number 939 to address petitions and communications from the audience and that there are two ways that can be done. One is to sign a sign in sheet here at the meeting for those items that are on the Agenda, the other is for individuals to sign up five days in advance if they want to speak about a topic that is not on the Agenda. Mr. Sharp continued by stating that last week the City received a document from the Gatlinburg Wildfire Survivors Group. That request contained eighty questions and had no individual name or address on the request. Yesterday, the City received documentation from the Gatlinburg Wildfire Survivors disavowing knowledge of those questions and requesting that this matter be removed from the Agenda. Mr. Sharp further explained that Resolution Number 939 requires an individual name and address on the request and that the individual would be given three minutes to speak on the topic submitted. The request stated that there were "many" topics and based on the above, the request does not meet the requirements of Resolution Number 939 and it is suggested that the Board move on to other business. Mr. Sharp concluded by stating that he has been authorized to state that the City has answered all pertinent questions with regard to this and the City will not further answer questions especially those that are personal in nature or accusatory in the future.

Mayor Werner then recognized Mr. Laurence Evans, Ms. Terri Jacobs, Mr. John Northcote, Ms. Dinah Bays, Ms. Cheryl Refsland and Mr. Logan Coykendall. Most of the individuals that addressed City Commission had questions and concerns that related to the November 28, 2016, Wildfires, and actions during and subsequent to the event.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees was the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Second Quarter Report presentation by President/CEO Mark Adams. Mr. Adams reviewed the Report and gave information regarding Finance and budget challenges, Human Resources, Special Events, Convention Center Sales, Chamber of Commerce visitor counts, Marketing highlights, as well as Public Relations.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to begin by providing an update as to various projects that have either occurred or are in progress related to enhanced Emergency Notifications for citizens and visitors. First of all, the Sevier County 911 Board approved an upgraded subscription to the CodeRed notification program and increased from eleven users to unlimited users so that every fire, police, ems and rescue squad can use it in their jurisdictions and increased to unlimited minutes and unlimited uses of the system and that the upgrade expanded for the public to sign up and receive automated weather alerts and, therefore, when the weather service issues a warning subscribers will be automatically notified. The enhanced subscription cost \$30,500 per year which was funded by the E911 Board and all residents and visitors are encouraged to log onto the Gatlinburgtn.gov website and follow the CodeRed link at the bottom of the page to sign up for the CodeRed alerts. Secondly, the City has invested in an upgraded Emergency Notification System. Phase 1 is complete and operational and Phase 2 is currently being built and is being funded in partnership with Sevier County. This system provides emergency notification through public warning sirens and speakers, currently there are 5 warning sirens operational in Gatlinburg and upon the completion of phase 2, and there will be a total of 14 sirens. This will provide coverage from the Ski Mountain area to the Pittman Center City Limits. Some of these sirens will provide notification to the adjacent Sevier County areas around Gatlinburg such as the SPUR and North Chalet Village. This notification system will also include an AM Radio frequency to broadcast alert notification, evacuation routes and procedures as well as other critical information. The system provides multiple methods of activation and will also integrate with CodeRed and provide other methods of notification. Thirdly, the Sevier County Emergency Management Agency has applied for access to deliver IPAWS notifications through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. This access will allow the sending out of timely emergency notifications without relying on any other agency or any additional layers or steps. When activated, an IPAWS alert will simultaneously deliver the alert notification details to the EAS for broadcast on Radio, Television and Satellite radio, to the Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) for all cell phones and mobile devices within the area, even when circuits are overloaded and the phone is unable to make a call or text and NOAA for broadcast across weather radios, the Internet, siren systems and roadway digital message boards. Finally, Sevier County EMA has applied for a grant through the University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Office to design and produce pamphlets, flip-charts or guides which could serve to educate residents, businesses, and visitors to Sevier County of what to do during and after a disaster by distributing pamphlets and flip charts to overnight rentals and

would contain the information concerning what to do during a variety of events such as fire, tornado, ice storm, etc.; and,

(2) that she would also like to announce that the City has been advised by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development that the City's application for an Adventure Tourism District has been approved and the City Manager then distributed information explaining the designation and advised that it will be placed on the City's website and Facebook; and,

(3) that she wanted to remind everyone that the Community Center is closed this week for annual maintenance and that it will reopen on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 A.M. and resume normal operating hours.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2517, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, Public Hearing and Second Reading, As Amended, (Passed First Reading 7/18/17).

The only Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2517, an Ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriation for the several Departments of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Public Hearing and Second Reading, As Amended, (Passed First Reading 7/18/17). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance, as amended, which was seconded by Commissioner Mike Helton. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. Ordinance Number 2517 was then unanimously adopted on Second Reading, as amended.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ON-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR KAREN BENTZ, D/B/A ANAKEESTA, LLC, 147 BASKINS CREEK BYPASS.

The first item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Karen Bentz, d/b/a Anakeesta, LLC, 147 Baskins Creek Bypass. Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO FRIZZELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY RELATED TO THE GATLINBURG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTER IMPROVEMENTS AND GRIT REMOVAL PROJECT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving change order #1 to Frizzell Construction Company related to the Gatlinburg Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvements and Grit Removal Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the change order which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that the change order is in the amount of approximately \$18,000 and that it will add thirty days to the contract period which puts an estimated completion date of October 10, 2017, and that there is a listing of items being requested in the change order and that the Utilities Manager can add any clarification. The City Manager then stated that there are sufficient monies in the Project budget for this change order and the total project contract amount is approximately \$2,000,000. After these comments, the motion to approve Change Order #1 to the Frizzell Construction Company Contract was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO JOSEPH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY RELATED TO THE REPAIR OF THE WINTER LIGHTS WAREHOUSE.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Single Bid to Joseph Construction Company related to the repair of the Winter Lights Warehouse. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Single Bid which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that this is before Commission due to this being a single bid and it is directly related to the Wildfires and the impact on this warehouse that is located next to the former McCarter Lumber Company. The City Manager further stated that this is commonly referred to as the Stalcup Warehouse and that \$220,000 is in the FY2017-2018 Budget and that the single bid was originally significantly higher and that negotiations with the single bidder, Joseph Construction, along with doing some work in house, has lead to the bid price being reduced to \$193,345. After these comments, the motion to approve the Single Bid to Joseph Construction Company was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 941, A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS UNDERTAKING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OWNED BY THE CITY OF GATLINBURG.

Item D under New Business was Resolution Number 941, a Resolution consenting to Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts undertaking certain activities on a Conservation Easement owned by the City of Gatlinburg. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then recognized Arrowmont Executive Director, Mr. Bill May, and explained that this is simply a request related to a new entrance road at the school and that when the contribution from the City to Arrowmont occurred, the City purchased the green space of the campus and that this is the second Resolution associated with the usage of that space and that the first request was related to steps coming out of the McMahan Parking Garage and that this is the second time that Arrowmont has requested usage and it is associated with the redevelopment of the campus. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 941 was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 942, A RESOLUTION SETTING AND ESTABLISHING THE FEES, RATES AND CHARGES FOR USE OF THE GATLINBURG GOLF COURSE.

The last Item under New Business was Resolution Number 942, A Resolution setting and establishing the Fees, Rates and Charges for use of the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City Manager then commented that this has been brought forth by a couple of existing members of the Golf Course along with Vice Mayor McCown and that all of the rates stay the same and that this Resolution is to add to the Junior Membership category, golfers attending a Sevier County School or after graduation, if they reside in Sevier County and are attending a University or College, the Junior Membership can continue at the \$300 per year rate. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 942 was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Thanked everyone for the positive comments and everyone wanting to move on and stated it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Echoed the above regarding being positive and wanting to move on; and,

- (2) Congratulated Chief Randy Brackins for recently being named Police Chief of the Year by the Tennessee Police Chief's Association.

Commissioner Mike Helton:

- (1) Stated that it is great to hear the positive comments and that as a Commissioner he really appreciates that; and,
- (2) Commented that School is out August 21, 2017 for the Solar Eclipse.

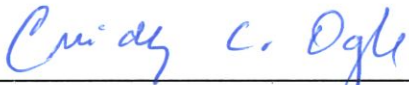
Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Stated that he recently welcomed the National Guard Senior Officers and that they were very complimentary of the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the City Manager and everyone in charge during the Wildfires and that they did a great job; and,
- (2) Thanked Mr. Bill May for his leadership at Arrowmont and stated that it was great to be there today for the ground breaking to rebuild the dormitory; and,
- (3) Thanked everyone for being here and stated that some of his comments were taken out of context during an interview and that it was about him personally and his family and that he and his family went through something that changed their lives and they will never be the same and he thought that they came out better and that was because they built a closer personal relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and a closer relationship with his family. He concluded by stating that material things do not mean anything like you think they do.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Commissioner Smith 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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