

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday July 7, 2015, 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. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2015. 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, Mayor Werner recognized Mr. Mike Ragsdale who proceeded to address City Commission and stated that he and Mr. Mike Arms are with Tennessee Strategies, LLC, and are presenting a petition to City Commission requesting the creation of a Gatlinburg Housing and Redevelopment Authority and stated that along with the petition, for consideration is a proposed Resolution which would create the Authority, a set of metrics for consideration that could be used by the Authority and also a Slum Clearance regulation which is an accompanying matter to the Resolution. Mr. Ragsdale continued that this is presented for consideration and then stated that with this presentation, if all of these things are found to be in order, the next step would be to hold a Public Hearing to discuss and then placed before City Commission for consideration. Mr. Ragsdale concluded by stating that he was pleased to be here this evening to present this to City Commission. Mayor Werner then thanked Mr. Ragsdale for his presentation.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees, the City Manager presented the Employee Recognition Board Second Quarter Awards to Employees of the Second Quarter those being Mr. David Goins of the Police Department and Mr. Ray Ogle of the Parking Department. The City Manager also presented the Unit of the Second Quarter Award to the Recreation Staff at the Community Center.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to remind everyone that the Gatlinburg Farmer's Market meets every Saturday 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. in the parking lot at the Covered Bridge and that the coordinators have expanded programming this Season with fun and informational seminars and that this Saturday, July 11, the Farmer's Market will present demonstrations on canning and food preservation beginning at 8:30 A.M. and that Ms. Linda Hyder from the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension office will be presenting seminars. The City Manager concluded that the Market also presents Kid's Day every fourth Saturday of the month featuring fun and educational activities for children and that the Farmer's Market will run every Saturday through October 17, 2015; and,
- (2) that she wanted to announce that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the

Park Vista Pavilion.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2480, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY REZONING TAX MAP 126, PARCELS 4 & 6, FROM R-2 (Medium Density Residential District) AND C-2 (General Business District) TO C-4 (Recreation Commercial District), LOCATED ON DUDLEY CREEK ROAD, Public Hearing and Second Reading , (Passed First Reading 06/02/15 and Planning Commission 05/21/15).**

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2480, an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance by Rezoning Tax Map 126, Parcels 4 & 6, from R-2 (Medium Density Residential District) and C-2 (General Business District) to C-4 (Recreation Commercial District), located on Dudley Creek Road, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 06/02/15 and Planning Commission 05/21/15). Commissioner Mike Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance 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 Ordinance Number 2480 was then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2482, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2014-15 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 06/16/15).**

The only other Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2482, an Ordinance amending the FY2014-15 Appropriation Ordinance, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 06/16/15). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Hays and then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SEVIER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) PROGRAM.**

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sevier County School Board for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that this is a five year renewal and that the City is entering into the eleventh year of this Program with the School System. The City Manager advised that the Agreement states that the City will place an Officer at each of the two City Schools and will be reimbursed \$15,000 per Officer by the School System and that this is a very good Program. After these comments, the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sevier County School Board

for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS.**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain Fire Department equipment as surplus. Commissioner Hays made a motion to declare the equipment as surplus which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that the proposed equipment to be declared as surplus is an Ambulance and also 32 self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) that have expired and that are located underneath the Fire Hall. After these comments, the motion to approve the declaration of certain Fire Department equipment as surplus was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE GATLINBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Gatlinburg Board of Education. Commissioner Helton made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Lisa Reagan which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 917, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2020.**

The last Item under New Business was Resolution Number 917, a Resolution adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the City of Gatlinburg for Fiscal Years 2016-2020. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. The City Manager then stated that this is simply City Commission's acknowledgement that an updated Capital Improvements Program was presented and reviewed and that no projects will be funded until the Budget is presented during the Budget process. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 917 was unanimously adopted.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Jerry Hays:**

- (1) Offered condolences on behalf of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, fellow Commissioners and the City Manager to the Montgomery Family on the loss of Harry's wife, Sandra, and stated that she was a beautiful lady and that everyone was sad to hear of her passing and then commented that Harry was the Gatlinburg Police Chief for many years and served on the City Commission and that he grew up here and has been an important part of the community.

**Commissioner Mike Helton:**

- (1) Stated that there was a big crowd in town over the Holiday weekend and that he hoped that crowds would continue through July and August.

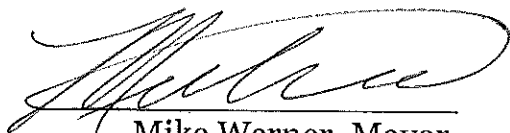
**Vice Mayor Mark McCown:**

- (1) Congratulated Employees of the Second Quarter award recipients David Goins and Ray Ogle and stated that they are outstanding employees and also congratulated Marty Nicely and Staff for being named Unit of the Quarter; and,
- (2) Thanked the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce for the job that both did on the July 4th Parade and especially with the inclement weather, it came off really well.

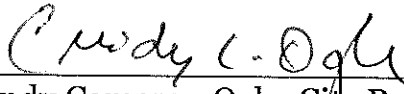
**Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Echoed all of the above; and,
- (2) Stated that is was sad to hear of the loss of Joey Teague and that Jean Ogle's services will be held later this week and asked that everyone keep these families in thoughts and prayers.

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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