

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present. Mayor Mike Helton called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Helton then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2014. Vice Mayor Mike Werner made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith 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 wanted to announce some upcoming events and that the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Smoky Mountain Trout Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28, 2014 at Herbert Holt Park; and,
- (2) that the Senior Olympics will be hosted by the Gatlinburg Community Center and will be held October 1 thru 7, 2014; and,
- (3) that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Arts Festival will be held Friday thru Sunday, October 3 thru 5, 2014 ; and,
- (4) that the United Way Tailgate Luncheon will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the American Legion Building 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and stated that lunch will be provided by Bennett's Pit Bar-B-Cue and the Park Vista. The City Manager further stated that tickets are \$8 and that the proceeds will benefit the United Way of Sevier County; and,
- (5) finally, that she wanted to advise that Rocky Top Sports World was named as one of the "6 Best Basketball Venues" for amateur basketball in the United States by Connectsports Magazine.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH JARVIS AWARD, SIGN AND FLAG COMPANY RELATED TO THE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROJECT.**

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving Change Order Number 1 to the Contract with Jarvis Award, Sign and Flag Company related to the Wayfinding Signage Project. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the change order which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then stated that the change order actually reflects a decrease in the original

contract amount of \$189,695 to \$156,630 and that the primary reason for the decrease is due significantly to the fact that all of the existing posts and foundations can be utilized for the vehicular directional signs and that one sign located at the Parkway/McMahan Parking Garage is being proposed to be eliminated due to all of the additional signage that has been placed there with the Parkway Pedestrian Plaza Project. The City Manager further stated that by using the existing posts and removing the one sign, a savings of \$51,185 is realized and that it is recommended that additional directional signage be placed at the intersection of Highway 321 and Rocky Sports World for the Library and the Community Center with a proposed cost of this signage being \$7,120 and that Staff is also requesting that three (3) traffic light signals for Parkway be painted the correct color which is an additional \$1,100 and that eleven (11) new traffic light signs for the Highway 321 corridor be added to the Project in the amount of \$9,900. The City Planner then stated that would equate to \$33,065 net reduction to the original \$189,000 Contract. Commissioner McCown then asked as to the location of these directional signs and Mr. Ball responded that these signs will actually be at the upper entrance of Rocky Top Sports World. Commissioner McCown then commented that there had been several people say to him that they could not find Rocky Top Sports World on Highway 321 due to limited signage once they had passed the Glades Road Intersection. The City Planner then stated that the new proposal includes signage on Parkway and Highway 321 for Rocky Top Sports World. Mayor Helton then mentioned adding information to the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School sign that was moved to the new Road and possibly adding Legion Field or Hammonds Stadium to the open spaces on the sign. After these comments, the motion to approve change order Number 1 to the Contract with Jarvis Award, Sign and Flag Company related to the Wayfinding Signage Project was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A 5309 GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a 5309 Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for Capital Assistance related to the Mass Transit Department. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the 5309 Grand Contract which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. The City Manager then stated that the Grant amount is approximately \$20,000 with a local match of around \$2,000 and stated that an estimated \$22,000 to \$23,000 will be used for continued improvements to the Trolley facility at the Bettis property. After these comments, the motion to approve the 5309 Grant Contract was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A 5311 RURAL**

**TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.**

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a 5311 Rural Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Mass Transit Department. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the 5311 Grant Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that this Grant in the amount of \$528,000 is a significant source of funding and that Items C and D are approximately \$140,000 more than the amount that was projected in the Budget and that between the Mass Transit Director and the Finance Director having meetings and extensive discussions with Tennessee Department of Transportation officials, it appears the cuts that were going to happen were reconsidered and the City will receive more than was estimated in the 2015 Budget. After these comments, the motion to approve the 5311 Rural Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Contract was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the Fiscal Year 2015 State Operating Assistance Grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Mass Transit Department. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the FY2015 State Operating Assistance Grant which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RELATED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice related to the Police Department. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Grant Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that this Grant is in the amount of \$14,925 with a local match of \$4,075 and stated that these monies will be used to purchase mobile tablets to be used in police vehicles. The City Manager further stated that, with the approval of this Grant, there will be a necessary Budget amendment forthcoming due to this Grant being awarded after Budget and not being included in the FY 2014-15 original Budget for the Police Department. After these comments, the motion to approve the Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice related to the Police Department was unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Governor's Highway Safety Grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Police Department. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Governor's Highway Safety Grant which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then asked the Police Chief to explain this Grant. Chief Brackins stated that this is the Governor's Highway Safety Grant and that it also came in after the Budget and that the monies received from this Grant will be used for mobile tablets, overtime pay for officers working radar and accident investigations. Chief Brackins further stated that it will also be used to send officers to school to further their training for accident investigation and reconstruction and concluded that this is a fully funded Grant in the amount of \$20,996.81 and has no local match. After these comments, the motion to approve the Governor's Highway Safety Grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Police Department was unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 913, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "DRIVER SAFETY" MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.**

The next Item under New Business was Resolution Number 913, a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Risk Management Pool "Driver Safety" Matching Grant Program. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Hays. The City Manager then commented that this allows the City to participate in the Driver Safety Grant through the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool and that it will be in the amount of \$2,000 to \$4,000 and that the monies will be used to do motor vehicle records checks on employees that drive City vehicles. After this comment, the motion to approve Resolution Number 913 was unanimously adopted.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2478, AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF A FORMER PUBLIC ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE, AND BEING A FORMER PORTION OF PROFFITT ROAD, FIRST READING.**

Item H under New Business was Ordinance Number 2478, an Ordinance closing a portion of a former Public Road located within the City limits of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and being a former portion of Proffitt Road, First Reading. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF PARKWAY FROM TRAFFIC LIGHT #6 TO REAGAN DRIVE FOR THE 2014 WINTER MAGIC KICK-OFF AND CHILI COOK-OFF EVENT ON NOVEMBER 12, 2014.**

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the closure of a portion of Parkway from Traffic Light #6 to Reagan Drive for the 2014 Winter Magic Kick-Off and Chili Cook-Off Event on November 12, 2014. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the closure which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Jerry Hays:**

- (1) Congratulated Commissioner McCown and his wife, Sandy, on 47 years of wedded bliss and teased that he was not sure how Sandy puts up with him.

**Commissioner Mark McCown:**

- (1) Wished his wife, Sandy, a Happy Anniversary along with his daughter Amy and son-in-law Jason.

**Vice Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Congratulated Commissioner McCown and Sandy on their Anniversary; and,
- (2) Referenced that Homecoming is at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School this Friday at 7:30 P.M. and that the football team is having a great year and to come out and support them.

**Mayor Mike Helton:**

- (1) Also referenced Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Homecoming and stated that Micki Werner will be home from Belmont College to crown the Homecoming Queen; and,
- (2) Commented that Mrs. Sandy McCown gets her marriage tips from Mrs. Nancy Hays.

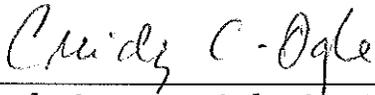
There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Vice Mayor

Werner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.



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Mike Helton, Mayor



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Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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