

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 16, 2016, 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 August 2, 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 announcing that the Gatlinburg Farmers Market is hosting a "Kids Back to School Bash" on Saturday, August 27. The market will have live music by Boogertown Gap, a train from Pete's Railroad, a Gatlinburg Fire Department Fire Truck, door prizes, kids activities and more and will be open 8:30 A.M – Noon at the Covered Bridge on Glades Road; and,

(2) that the 5th Annual Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival is Wednesday, August 24 through Sunday, August 28. The Festival celebrates songwriters, the stories behind the songs and there will be free live performances throughout the City, songwriting competitions, band playoffs, and songwriting workshops. The Festival is based out of the Historic Gatlinburg Inn. Schedules are posted on the Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival website; and,

(3) that the Taste of Autumn, the City's fundraiser for Sevier County United Way will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 15 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center and that stand-up comedian Henry Cho will entertain the crowd. Local restaurants will be providing delicious food and beverages. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance at Gatlinburg.com/events, the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Centers or from the Sevier County United Way; and,

(4) finally, that she would like to give an update regarding the Glades Road Paving Project and the fact that it is complete with the exception of the reinstallation of the yellow center line reflective markers and the four inch wide white line rumble strips. The yellow markers are scheduled to be installed this evening with the rumble strips to follow a few days later. With the completion of this major paving project, the City Manager also distributed a copy of the updated financial summary of the road paving program which indicates that of the \$2.1

million authorized in last year's Budget, a little over \$1.5 million has been spent to date. The City Manager concluded by highly commending and recognizing the efforts of the Street Department, the Utilities Maintenance and the Building Maintenance Departments for the great cooperative work on this Project which lead to timely completion of the Project.

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, Third and Final Reading (Passed First Reading 7/19/2016 and Second Reading, As Amended, 8/02/2016).

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, Third and Final Reading (Passed First Reading 7/19/2016 and Second Reading, As Amended, 8/02/2016). Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Ordinance Number 2501 was then unanimously adopted on Third and Final Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2502, A PROPERTY TAX LEVYING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, First Reading.

The first Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2502, a Property Tax Levying Ordinance for the City of Gatlinburg for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, First Reading. Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown. Vice Mayor McCown then commented that there is no increase in the property tax rate that it is the same as it has been the previous five years. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2502 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2503, AMENDING SECTION 5-701 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SAID SECTION AND SUBSTITUTING AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH BY FURTHER DEFINING TOURIST RESIDENCY, First Reading.

Item B under New Business was Ordinance Number 2503, amending Section 5-701 of the Municipal Code by repealing the second paragraph of said section and substituting an additional paragraph by further defining Tourist Residency, First Reading. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Helton. The City Manager then gave an overview and stated that this is a combined effort of the Building and Planning and Fire Departments and is a proposed change to the definition of Tourist Residency and provides that structures which are more than three stories or more than 5,000 square feet or can accommodate more than twelve occupants must be sprinkled. The City Manager further stated that the 2013 Tourist Residency Program requirements stated that no matter the size of the structure, it was required to be sprinkled and that this update is abiding with new rules and regulations promulgated by the State Fire Marshall's Office effective February 1, 2016. The City Manager then asked the Building and Planning Director to further explain and Mr. Ball stated that this is to get up to date with the State Fire Marshalls Office and that this is in line with what other entities are doing as it relates to requirements for the sprinkling of buildings. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2503 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 929, AN INITIAL BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,650,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG TENNESSEE.

The next Item under New Business was Resolution Number 929, an Initial Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed three million six hundred fifty thousand and no/100 dollars (\$3,650,000) General Obligation Bonds of the City of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then recognized Mr. Joe Ayres with Cumberland Securities and stated that the issuance of this debt is referred to as general obligation bonds and that to clarify, the debt will be serviced out of the Sewer Fund and that the Projects are set up within the Wastewater Budget and are to fund four Projects, the largest being the Digester 2 Rehabilitation Project which is estimated at \$2.8 million. The City Manager further stated that the other three Projects are related to the rehabilitation of lines in the collection system, specifically, the Dudley Creek Phase 1 Rehabilitation Project and at locations on LeConte Creek and at the upper end of River Road. The City Manager concluded that the funding is specific to the Sewer Fund and then asked the Cumberland Securities representative to further explain and Mr. Ayres then stated that this is the statutory initial Resolution that is being voted on and that, at a subsequent meeting, the final Bond Resolution will be presented to establish the contract between the City, as the bond issuer, and the bond holders.

Mr. Ayres also commented that with a fixed rate bond issue, over twenty years, the City should get a great interest rate. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 929 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City equipment as surplus. Commissioner Smith made a motion to declare the equipment as surplus which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then explained that the surplus consists of nine two-way radios that were retired from the Fire Department and a gas chlorinator from the swimming pool at the Community Center that was changed out in last year's Budget. Vice Mayor McCown then asked about the two-way radios going to Rocky Top Sports World and the Finance Director responded that it is possible that they will go to Rocky Top Sports World and that the FCC has narrow banded frequencies and that the Fire Department can no longer use these radios and that Rocky Top Sports World has expressed interest in these radios. After these comments, the motion to declare certain City equipment as surplus was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Complimented crews on the Glades Road paving project and stated that it was a great job.

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Asked everyone to remember the Fire Chief and his family due to the recent passing of his Father.

Commissioner Mike Helton:

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the paving project and compliments to the Street Department, the Building Maintenance Department and the Utilities Department for their hard work and working together; and,
- (2) Stated that school starts tomorrow and asked that everyone please slow down as the school zones will be busy with students and wants everyone to stay safe.

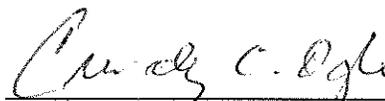
Vice Mayor McCown:

- (1) Expressed condolences to Chief Miller and his family.

Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Echoed the above sentiments and sympathies to the Fire Chief; and,
- (2) Reminded everyone to support the Farmer's Market; and,
- (3) Stated that he had recently be able to enjoy the new air conditioning at the Community Center and it is great; and,
- (4) Reminded everyone that Gatlinburg-Pittman plays Pigeon Forge in Football this Friday.

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.



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
/jv



Mike Werner, Mayor

