

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday September 8, 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. 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 18, 2015. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Hays and then unanimously adopted.

There were no Petitions or Communications from the Public.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees, Mayor Werner presented a Twenty Year Service Award to Ms. Terri Jones of the Fire Department.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to give a report as to the completion of the Community Center flooring and stated that the Community Center was closed on Saturday, August 29, 2015, and Sunday, August 30, 2015, and reopened on Monday, August 31, 2015, with patrons using side entrances through Wednesday and that as of Thursday, September 3, 2015, the flooring was complete and the Center was up a running as normal; and,
- (2) that she wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Taste of Autumn which is the Community's fundraiser for the Sevier County United Way that will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at the Gatlinburg Convention Center from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. and that there will be 16 different restaurants providing samples of entrees and desserts along with beer and wine samples. The City Manager further commented that Corporate tables are available and that the entertainment this year is a female Comedy Trio called "Country Cool" and that they are currently traveling the nation on the #WhatsYourCrazy Comedy Tour and that these ladies are Southern, well-travelled, razor sharp and savvy and that they look at life like it is and tell the story with a charm and style that is sure to keep you laughing. The City Manager concluded by stating that tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance at Gatlinburg.com/events or at the Chamber of Commerce office or from a Sevier County United Way Board Member; and,
- (3) that she would also like to announce that the "Game.Set.Match."Tennis Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at the Don Watson Tennis Center in Mynatt Park and that it will be a mixed doubles format with youth and adults welcome to sign up. The City Manager further stated that for more information to call the Special Events Office and thanks to G. Webb for putting this tournament together each year on behalf of the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce

Foundation; and,

- (4) finally, that she wanted to announce that the 2016 American Bus Association (ABA) Top 100 Events list has been published and that the Gatlinburg 4th of July Celebration has been named as a top 100 Event for 2016 and that the Gatlinburg Beans & Cornbread Festival has been named a Top 100 Event to Watch for 2016. The City Manager further explained that the Top 100 List is published as a supplement to the September/October issue of Destinations Magazine, and indicates that the festival offers excellent entertainment to both tour groups and individual travelers from around the world, according to the ABA.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2485, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-233 OF THE GATLINBURG MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING SECTION 18-233(1) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION IN LIEU THEREOF TO INCREASE USAGE CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE, SECOND READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 08/18/15).

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2485, an Ordinance to amend Section 18-233 of the Gatlinburg Municipal Code by repealing Section 18-233(1) in its entirety and adopting a new section in lieu thereof to increase usage charges for Sewer Service, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 08/18/15). Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that this was discussed in detail throughout the Budget process and it is something the City never likes to do, however, there is not much choice and then asked the Finance Director to further explain. Mr. Holt explained that the State mandates that an Enterprise Fund, such as the City's Utilities Fund, has to be financially self-sufficient and these funds have to show net operating income and have a positive change in net position for financial statement purposes. Mr. Holt stated that the Water and Sewer Funds have to recognize depreciation on its fixed assets and that this has caused these Funds, though they have a positive cash flow, to show a negative change in net position on the City's annual financial statement. Mr. Holt continued that for this reason, in 2009, the City increased the water rates and that was mainly due to the fact that the State can come in and set rates for the City, if the City does not take action and, therefore, this is an increase to the Sewer Rate to maintain a positive net position and to also get ahead of some future mandated costs and that this rate increase should take care of those costs over the next several years. Mr. Holt further stated that the proposed rate increase of 15% changes the base rate from \$8.02 to \$10.14 and that, even with a 15% increase, these are the lowest rates for water and sewer services in comparison to area utilities. Mr. Holt then commented that as the City Manager stated, the City is basically forced into this action for financial statement reporting purposes. After these comments, the motion to approve Ordinance Number 2485 was unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2486, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 17-

103 OF THE GATLINBURG MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING TWO SENTENCES THERETO AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF ONE DUMPSTER FOR OCCUPANTS OF SAID UNITS, SECOND READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 8/18/15).

The last Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2486, an Ordinance to amend Section 17-103 of the Gatlinburg Municipal Code by adding two sentences thereto and further being an Ordinance to require certain residential rental units provide a minimum of one dumpster for occupants of said units, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 8/18/15). Commissioner Mike Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Hays and then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL SIGN FOR "WINE A LITTLE" AT THE INTERSECTION OF GLADES ROAD AND POWDERMILL ROAD (REQUESTED BY DANA PAPWORTH).

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Business Directional Sign for "Wine A Little" at the intersection of Glades Road and Powdermill Road (Requested by Dana Papworth). Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the sign request which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH MCGILL ASSOCIATES, P.A. RELATED TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTER IMPROVEMENTS AND NUTRIENT REMOVAL OPTIMIZATION PROJECT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Agreement for Engineering Services with McGill Associates, P.A., related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Improvements and Nutrient Removal Optimization Project. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that this was also a big part of the Budget discussion as it relates to these two Projects and that City Commission did approve the recommended Budget for these engineering services and that approval of the Agreement would move forward these two extremely critical Projects for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. After these comments, the motion to approve an Agreement for Engineering Services with McGill Associates, P.A. was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) POWERED TROLLEY.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the purchase of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Powered Trolley. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that this came about through the Sevier County Utility District asking if the City would consider participating in this Grant. The City Manager continued that there was quite a bit of publicity about this when it first came about which has been close to two years ago and has taken some time to get the paperwork. The City Manager further advised that this is a Grant to purchase a Compressed Natural Gas powered Trolley and that the total amount of the Project is \$235,000 with the City's share being \$45,000, which was included in the previous Fiscal Year's Budget. After these comments, the motion to approve a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the purchase of a CNG Powered Trolley was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORVELL AND POE, ENGINEERS, RELATED TO THE ARBON DRIVE SLOPE REPAIR, THE CHEROKEE ORCHARD ROAD SLOPE REPAIR, THE HIEDEN DRIVE SLOPE REPAIR AND THE LOOP ROAD SLOPE REPAIR PROJECTS.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Agreement with Norvell and Poe, Engineers, related to the Arbon Drive Slope Repair, the Cherokee Orchard Road Slope Repair, the Hieden Drive Slope Repair and the Loop Road Slope Repair Projects. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then commented that all of the aforementioned Projects were approved in this year's Budget and the amounts are delineated in a memorandum in the agenda package and that the total amount is \$65,500 for the engineering services and that each Project is broken down by their respective amounts. The City Manager further stated that these are very important needed slope repair projects in different locations of the City and that it made sense to utilize one engineer to engineer all the Projects and that would be Mr. Gary Norvell who is here this evening, if there are any additional questions. After these comments, the motion to approve an Agreement with Norvell and Poe was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 920, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "DRIVER SAFETY" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

Item E under New Business was Resolution Number 920, a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Risk Management

Pool "Driver Safety" Loss Control Matching Grant Program. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City Manager then asked the Finance Director to further explain and Mr. Holt stated that this is money from TML that is reimbursed to the City for motor vehicle registration checks that the City does and that it is anticipated to have between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in expenses that can be turned in for reimbursement of 50% of those expenses. Mr. Holt concluded by stating that this is something the City has been doing for a while. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 920 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City vehicles and equipment as surplus. Commissioner Smith made a motion to declare items as surplus which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Environmental Design Review Board. Commissioner Helton made a motion to defer this item until the next meeting which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Mike Helton:

- (1) Thanked Ms. Terri Jones for her twenty years of service to the City.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

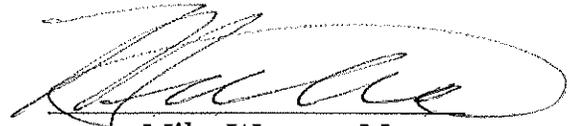
- (1) Congratulated Ms. Terri Jones for her service to the City and stated that there are a good number of employees that have been with the City for a long time and that they do a great job.

Mayor Mike Werner:

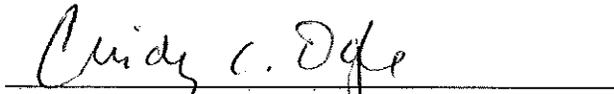
- (1) Echoed the above regarding Ms. Terri Jones; and,
- (2) Offered condolences to the Family of Mr. Jim Embry who was a long time

Gatlinburg architect and a good guy.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Werner", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Mike Werner, Mayor


Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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