

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Don Smith. 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 October 21, 2014. Vice Mayor Mike Werner made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Item A under Petitions and Communications from the Public was a presentation on behalf of the Fred McMahan Family. Mayor Helton then recognized Mr. Larry McMahan who stated that he had called the City Manager a few weeks ago to discuss the possibility of presenting the City with his late Father's, Fred McMahan, bass fiddle. Mr. McMahan continued that his Father loved this community and that he thought it was fitting to present this to the City because he recalls him carrying the bass fiddle all over the streets of Gatlinburg and singing in restaurants and on the street corners. Mr. McMahan joked that his Dad purchased the bass fiddle in the mid 1950's for \$100 and that he is glad to present this to the City in his Father's memory. The Mayor then thanked Mr. McMahan for this wonderful gift and advised that it would be proudly displayed in the "Through the Years" Gatlinburg History Museum located at the Aquarium Welcome Center.

Item A under Reports of Boards and Committees, the City Manager presented the Employee Recognition Board 2014 Employee of the Fourth Quarter Award to Daniel Lindbert of the Police Department.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to remind everyone that the Festival of Trees will be held Tuesday, November 25 through Saturday, November 29, at the Mills Conference Center and that the Dot Egli Memorial Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 11:30 A.M. The City Manager further stated that tickets are available at Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries(SMARM) and all proceeds benefit SMARM; and,
- (2) that she wanted to remind everyone that the 39th Annual Fantasy of Lights Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, and will begin at 7:30 P.M.; and,
- (3) that she wanted to announce that TripAdvisor has recently named Gatlinburg in its top 10 most popular Thanksgiving travel destinations and that the top cities on this list included New York City, NY, Las Vegas, NV, Orlando, FL,

San Francisco, CA, Chicago, IL, New Orleans, LA, San Diego, CA, Gatlinburg, TN, Key West, FL, and Los Angeles, CA; and,

- (4) that she also wanted to announce that, due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the next City Commission meeting will be held on December 16, 2014.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2479, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-1001 OF THE GATLINBURG MUNICIPAL CODE, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE LIST OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF GATLINBURG, SECOND READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 10/21/14).

The only Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2479, an Ordinance to amend Section 5-1001 of the Gatlinburg Municipal Code, and further being an Ordinance to modify the list of Official Depositories for the City of Gatlinburg, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 10/21/14). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. Ordinance Number 2479 was then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ON-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR SAMUEL RIYAD, D/B/A SAMS GYROS, 463 PARKWAY.

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Samuel Riyad, d/b/a Sams Gyros, 463 Parkway. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF AN AERIAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR THE SILVERBELL PARKWAY, LLC, DEVELOPMENT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of conceptual approval of an aerial transportation system for the Silverbell Parkway, LLC, Development. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the concept of an aerial transportation system which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. Mayor Helton then referenced a Workshop that was held a couple of weeks prior to this meeting and stated that a presentation describing the proposed aerial transportation system was made during that session. After these comments, the motion to approve the concept of an aerial transportation system was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SIDEWALK AND RAMPING SYSTEM AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACCESS FOR THE SILVERBELL PARKWAY, LLC, DEVELOPMENT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a sidewalk and ramping system and pedestrian bridge access for the Silverbell Parkway, LLC, Development. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve a sidewalk, ramping system and pedestrian bridge access which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. Mayor Helton stated that this was also a part of the previous Workshop discussion and presentation. Commissioner McCown then asked if there would be stone on face of wall and Mr. Bentz responded that there will be stone on the wall that faces the street. After these comments, the motion to approve a sidewalk, ramping system and pedestrian bridge access for the Silverbell Parkway, LLC, Development was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN IN-LIEU OF PROPERTY TAX CONTRACT RELATED TO THE SEVIER COUNTY ELECTRIC SYSTEM.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an in-lieu of Property Tax Contract related to the Sevier County Electric System. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the contract which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. Commissioner McCown then asked if this amount was based on usage and the City Manager responded that the amount is based upon the value of the facilities within the City and the payment the City will receive is \$365,305.48 and that amount is down approximately \$7,000 from the previous year which is related to depreciation of their facilities. The City Manager further stated that the amount used for budget purposes is an estimate based on the amount received the previous year. After these comments, the motion to approve the in-lieu of Property Tax Contract related to the Sevier County Electric System was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 914, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATORS WHO REPRESENT THE CITY TO INTRODUCE A PRIVATE ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

The next Item under New Business was Resolution Number 914, a Resolution requesting the State Legislators who represent the City to introduce a Private Act to amend the Charter of the City. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City manager commented that for several years she and former Finance Director David Beeler had discussed the many provisions in the Charter related to the Budget and appropriation process that were established in 1945 when the City was Chartered and that many changes in State Law and Governmental accounting had occurred since that time and that these changes would eliminate various sections of the Charter and, therefore, update the budgetary process. The City Manager then asked Mr. Beeler to further explain and he stated that this would simply remove conflicts with the Governmental Accounting procedures and better align the City Charter budget process with the State of Tennessee Governmental guidelines. After these comments, Resolution Number 914 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO NAFECO, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN INTEGRATED SCBA FILL STATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a single bid to Nafeco, Inc., for the purchase of an integrated SCBA Fill Station for the Fire Department. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the bid which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. The City Manager then explained that this was approved in the Budget process and is within the budgeted amount and that it is before Commission due to it being a single bid. After these comments, the motion to approve a single bid to Nafeco, Inc., for the purchase of an integrated SCBA Fill Station for the Fire Department was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO CUSTOM TRUCK & BODYWORKS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO AMBULANCES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a single bid to Custom Truck & Bodyworks for the purchase of two ambulances for the Fire Department. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the single bid which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID TO CHARLES BLALOCK & SONS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT AND PAVING SERVICES.

Item H under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a single bid to Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc., for the purchase of asphalt and paving services. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the single bid which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM LAND AIR COMMUNICATIONS UTILIZING THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERRIFF'S OFFICE BID.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the purchase of Police Department radio equipment from Land Air Communications utilizing the Sevier County Sherriff's Office bid. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the purchase which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. The City Manager then commented that this is being brought to Commission due to utilizing the bid through the Sevier County Sherriff's Office. After these comments, the motion to approve the purchase of Police Department radio equipment utilizing the Sevier County Sherriff's bid was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Congratulated Daniel Lindbert for receiving the Employee Recognition Board Employee of the Fourth Quarter Award; and,
- (2) Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Mark McCown:

- (1) Also congratulated Daniel Lindbert for receiving the Employee of the Fourth Quarter Award and thanked him for doing a good job; and,
- (2) Thanked Mr. Larry McMahan for the donation of his Father's bass fiddle and stated that he remembers the Smoky Mountain Travelers playing and singing in restaurants in Gatlinburg and stated that he misses Fred and the whole group.

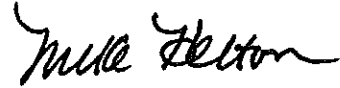
Vice Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Congratulated the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Football team for a successful Season and stated that they went to the second round of playoffs; and,
- (2) Congratulated Bob and Karen Bentz and thanked them for being at the meeting.

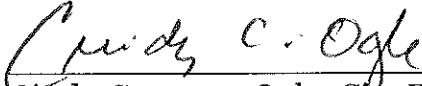
Mayor Mike Helton:

- (1) Also congratulated Bob and Karen Bentz on bringing their endeavor to Gatlinburg; and,
- (2) Commented that it was a great accolade for the City that TripAdvisor had recognized Gatlinburg as one of the top ten most popular Thanksgiving travel destinations; and,
- (3) Commented that he would like to say hello to Commissioner Don Smith and stated that he is under the weather and hopes that he has a speedy recovery.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hays seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.



Mike Helton, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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