

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 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 September 23, 2014. Vice Mayor Mike Werner made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public, Mayor Helton announced that Mr. Larry McMahan would not be in attendance due to illness and that the presentation would be deferred to a future City Commission Meeting.

Item A under Reports of Boards and Committees, Mayor Helton presented Twenty Year Service Awards to Eddie Powell and Doug Wilson of the Utilities Department and to Michael Rayfield of the Service Center, and stated that he appreciates their dedication and service to the City. Concerning item B under Reports of Boards and Committees, the City Manager presented the Employee Recognition Board 2014 Units of the Third Quarter Awards to the Police and Building Maintenance Departments, the Recreation Department and the Police Department.

Item C under Reports of Boards and Committees was the Anna Porter Public Library Five Year Report given by Director Kenton Temple. Ms. Temple distributed the report and reviewed the 5 year statistical information and stated that the value of Library Services is equal to \$3,874,000 which equates to \$3.78 for every \$1 invested. Ms. Temple continued that the number of materials that were checked out from the Library June, 2009, when the new building opened, through June, 2014 was 173,088 and that an estimated total of 107,431 people, including local citizens, students and travelers had visited the Library since the 2009 opening. Ms. Temple then thanked the Board of Commissioners and the City Manager on behalf of the Library and Staff for their continued support.

The last Item under Reports of Boards and Committees was the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Quarterly Report and 2015 Budget and Marketing Plan presented by Executive Director Vicki Simms. Ms. Simms distributed the Report and then referenced the earlier Workshop meeting in which the 2015 Marketing Plan and Budget were presented and then stated that the filming for the new 2015 commercial is underway. Ms. Simms concluded with a review of upcoming events and then stated that the Gatlinburg App has received to date over 35,000 downloads and 172,000 sessions, that the Booking Engine has referred just under 1.5 million visitors to the lodging module and just over 15,000 tickets purchased through the attractions module and that traffic to Gatlinburg.com is up 25% over last year.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she needed to distribute a copy of a letter from the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Office that acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget for the City and also states that the letter constitutes approval by their office of the City's 2015 Fiscal year Budget as adopted by the governing body; and,
- (2) that she wanted to remind everyone 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 from the event will benefit the United Way of Sevier County; and,
- (3) that she also wanted to remind everyone that the Taste of Autumn will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at the Gatlinburg Convention Center and that tickets are \$25. The City Manager then commented that local restaurants, wineries, distilleries and bakeries will feature their best food and spirits and that Celebrity Guest, Nan Kelly from GAC television network, will host the evening with a theme of "The Great Outdoors."

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2478, AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF A FORMER PUBLIC ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE, AND BEING A FORMER PORTION OF PROFFITT ROAD, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 09/23/14).**

The only Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2478, an Ordinance closing a portion of a former public road located within the City limits of the City of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and being a former portion of Proffitt Road, Public Hearing and Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 09/23/14). Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Hays. Mayor Helton then opened the Public Hearing and, there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve Ordinance Number 2478 was then unanimously adopted on Second Reading.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN OFF-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR MITCH MCCARTER, D/B/A PARKWAY LIQUOR STORE, 286 N. PARKWAY.**

The first Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Off-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Mitch McCarter, d/b/a Parkway

Liquor Store, 286 N. Parkway. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MITCH MCCARTER, D/B/A PARKWAY LIQUOR STORE, 286 N. PARKWAY.**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Certificate of Compliance for Mitch McCarter, d/b/a Parkway Liquor Store, 286 N. Parkway. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN OFF-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR MARIAH L. FARMER, D/B/A EPI'S FINE WINE & SPIRITS, 1359 E. PARKWAY.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Off-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Mariah L. Farmer, d/b/a Epi's Fine Wine & Spirits, 1359 E. Parkway. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Commissioner Hays and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR MARIAH L. FARMER, D/B/A EPI'S FINE WINE & SPIRITS, 1359 E. PARKWAY.**

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Certificate of Compliance for Mariah L. Farmer, d/b/a Epi's Fine Wine & Spirits, 1359 E. Parkway. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS ON A PORTION OF PROFFITT ROAD.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the official acceptance of right-of-way improvements on a portion of Proffitt Road. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. The City Manager then commented that this is the new portion of Proffitt Road from Highway 321 including the roundabout and that the Old Business Item and this Item are the appropriate actions to take to officially accept this new roadway. After these comments, the motion to approve right-of-way improvements on a portion

of Proffitt Road were unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY USE REQUEST AT 1724 ARBON LANE SOUTH FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING RETAINING WALL.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a right-of-way use request at 1724 Arbon Lane South for the replacement of an existing retaining wall. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then asked the Planning and Building Director to explain and Mr. Ball proceeded to do so and stated that the existing structure is a cross tie retaining wall, and due to the deteriorated condition of the wall and the possibility of slope failure, the property owner is requesting the right-of-way usage to build a new concrete stack stone type of retaining wall. Mr. Ball concluded that a portion of the retaining wall does extend into the right-of-way and that he has reviewed the request and subject property with the Public Works Department and there is no negative impact on the usage of the of road or the right-of-way and it is recommended that this request be approved. After these comments, the motion to approve the right-of-way use request was unanimously adopted.

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

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City vehicles and lighting equipment as surplus. Commissioner Smith made a motion to declare the vehicles and lighting equipment as surplus which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. Mayor Helton then asked the Finance Director for clarification and Mr. Holt stated that there is one vehicle which is a wrecked Trolley and stated that the lighting equipment is the from the retro fit lighting project in the Parking Garages. After these comments, the motion to declare certain City vehicles and lighting equipment as surplus was unanimously adopted.

**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, First Reading.**

The last Item under New 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, First Reading. Commissioner McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously adopted on First Reading.

## **UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

### **Commissioner Jerry Hays:**

- (1) Congratulated the Twenty Year Service Award recipients and the Employee Recognition Board Units of the Quarter and stated that all of these employees have done a good job for the City.

### **Commissioner Don Smith:**

- (1) Commended all the Employee Recognition Board Award recipients and the Twenty Year Service Award recipients; and,
- (2) Asked that everyone remember the Mr. Bill Trentham and Mr. Johnny King families in their thoughts and prayers during their time of loss.

### **Commissioner Mark McCown:**

- (1) Commended the Twenty Year Service Award recipients Eddie Powell, Doug Wilson and Michael Rayfield and commended all of the Employee Recognition Board award recipients on a job well done.

### **Vice Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the employee awards; and,
- (2) Encouraged everyone to participate in the United Way Tailgate Luncheon.

### **Mayor Mike Helton:**

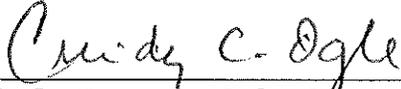
- (1) Echoed the above regarding the employee awards; and,
- (2) Reminded everyone that November 4, 2014 is Election day and encouraged everyone to exercise their patriotic duty and vote for their candidate or amendment.

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.



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Mike Helton, Mayor



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Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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