

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 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 April 21, 2015. Vice Mayor Mike Werner made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Petitions or Communications from the Public and Items from the audience, Mayor Helton recognized Mr. Mike Barr who proceeded to address City Commission regarding improving the marketing of Gatlinburg through better promotion of bears and suggested the placement of true to life bears in trees throughout town and a \$300 bear replica on the river downtown and a mother bear and two cubs at Ogle Cabin. Mr. Barr continued that it does not have to be expensive and it would promote what visitors want to see and Gatlinburg has which are bears. Vice Mayor Werner asked Mr. Barr if he has seen the fiberglass bears and Mr. Barr stated that you could see them on Google. Commissioner McCown then stated that this is a good idea and referenced seeing pictures taken with a bronze bear that is presently located in downtown. Mayor Helton then thanked Mr. Barr for this information and advised that City Commission would consider it further.

The next Item regarding Petitions or Communication from the Public and Items for the audience, Mayor Helton presented a Proclamation in recognition of Certified Athletic Trainers to Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Juniors Isabel Williams and Michaela Montgomery who currently participate in the Athletic Training Program at the High School. Mayor Helton then commented that Mr. Scott Byrd, Director of the Program, could not be here tonight and that these students are here to accept on his behalf.

There were no reports of Boards or Committees

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Gatlinburg Beans and Cornbread Festival presented by Bush Brothers and Company and that is will be held on Thursday, May 14 from 4-8 P.M. on Parkway between traffic light #6 and Reagan Drive and stated that it is a celebration of Appalachian culture and culinary past and the event will feature a beans and cornbread cook-off, smoky mountain music, antique engines, and beans and cornbread for the tasting and also that the Sever County Humane Society will host a corn hole tournament from 4:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.; and,
- (2) that, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation is sponsoring its second Frontline Gatlinburg class and that the response from the community has been excellent and that there are a

few spots left for May and it is not too late to sign up for the June and July classes and to contact the Chamber office to sign up; and,

- (3) that she wanted to announce that Friday, May 15 is City Government Day and that Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Juniors will get an inside look at City Government; and,
- (4) that she wanted to also announce the upcoming 16th Annual Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at the Gatlinburg Golf Course with registration and lunch 11:00 A.M. to Noon and a shotgun start at 12:30 P.M. The City Manager further stated that this is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Foundation who funds traditional and non-traditional scholarships, provides support to local schools and teachers and provides community educational programs; and,
- (5) finally, that she wanted announce the Kids Trout Rodeo that will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Herbert Holt Park and that the fishing tournament is free to children 16 and under and a license will not be required on this date. The City Manager concluded that registration is at 7:30 A.M. and weigh-in will begin at 10:30 A.M.

Mayor Helton then mentioned that Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Graduation will be May 21, 2015, and the City Manager commented that her Grandson, Mackinley Ogle, is graduating this year and that she is very proud of him and stated that he has a full ride scholarship to Belmont University in Nashville and that he is following in the footsteps of Vice Mayor Werner's daughter Micki.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ON -PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR JERRY W. PARKER, D/B/A BACK STREET ETC., 206 LONG BRANCH ROAD.**

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Jerry W. Parker, d/b/a Back Street Etc., 206 Long Branch Road. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Certificate which was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Hays and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ON-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR LOGAN COYKENDALL, D/B/A COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT GATLINBURG DOWNTOWN, 315 HISTORIC NATURE TRAIL-AIRPORT ROAD.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Logan Coykendall, d/b/a Courtyard by Marriott Gatlinburg Downtown, 315 Historic Nature Trail – Airport Road. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Certificate contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown. The City Manager then commented that this is being done in an effort to get the process underway with the State Alcohol and Beverage Commission and stated that there is also a Beer Board item that will need to be considered contingent upon receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy. After these comments, the motion to approve the Certificate with the referenced contingency was unanimously adopted.

#### **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE REINSTALLATION OF CROSSWALKS ON PARKWAY.**

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of the reinstallation of crosswalks on Parkway. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the reinstallation which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded the single bid to Blalock's for the Project that includes paving three areas of town which are on Parkway from Traffic Light #3 to just past Historic Nature Trail-Airport Road, Highway 321 from Glades Road to Buckhorn Road and on Buckhorn Road to Bebb Road. The City Manager further stated that the reason for this item being on the Agenda was that there was a possibility of the Parkway paving being done prior to Memorial Day which would have required action on this item and that, after meeting with TDOT and Blalock representatives, it has been determined that the earliest the paving would begin would be August 10, for the Highway 321 and Buckhorn Road area and August 17, on Parkway and that this item is requesting approval of the reinstallation of at least nine crosswalks and possibly more of the decorative red brick patterned crosswalks, the kind that were installed in the undergrounding process, at a total cost of \$84,500. The City Manager concluded that the timing now is such that this can be funded within the Budget process and it is a matter of concurrence as to the reinstallation of the same crosswalks after the paving is complete on Parkway. The City Manager then asked the Public Works Director to explain further. Mr. Henderson then stated, as it relates to the Parkway paving, that it would be a night time project occurring between 10:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. and that it should only take four nights for this section of Parkway to be completed but that it could take up to two weeks to complete. After these comments, the motion to approve the reinstallation of crosswalks on Parkway was unanimously approved.

#### **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Smith made a motion to nominate Hal Wilson which was seconded by Commissioner Hays then unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE GATLINBURG AIRPORT AUTHORITY, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making an appointment to the Gatlinburg Airport Authority Inc., Board of Directors. Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lisa Reagan which was seconded by Commissioner McCown and then unanimously adopted.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Jerry Hays:**

- (1) Reminded everyone to get out and vote in the May 19 City Election.

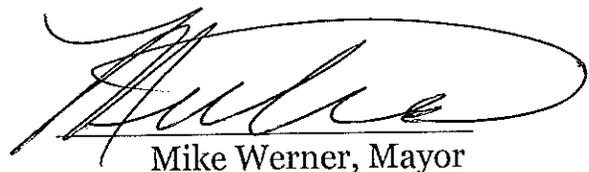
**Vice Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Commented that he attended a great National Park event this week and that Mrs. Dana Sohen was recognized as the Park Employee of the Year and stated that she is very deserving of the accolade and expressed his congratulations to her again; and,
- (2) Encouraged everyone to vote in this very important City Election.

**Mayor Mike Helton:**

- (1) Commented that Mr. Davy Thomas's daughter Maddie would be graduating on the 21st of May and then thanked the students from Gatlinburg-Pittman High School that came to represent the Athletic Training Program and receive the Proclamation.

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



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder  
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