

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 4, 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 July 21, 2015. Commissioner Mike Helton made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown 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 wanted to remind everyone of the following schedule for annual maintenance at the Community Center and stated that August 3 – 9 the entire Community Center will be closed, August 10-11 that the Bowling Center and Pool only will be open, August 12 – 14 that the Bowling Center, Pool and Tone Zone will be open and that August 15 the entire Community Center will open at 10:00 A.M. The City Manager also advised that the lobby area will be delayed until a later date due to a fire last evening at the Finchum Sports Floor warehouse; and,
- (2) that she wanted to announce that Kids Firefighter Camp sponsored by the Gatlinburg Fire Department is this week, Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 and that campers will experience what it is like to be a Firefighter; and,
- (3) that she wanted to announce that the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Picnic will be held Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the Park Vista Hotel's outdoor pavilion from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.; and,
- (4) that she wanted to announce that the August 10 Budget Workshop meeting will not be needed.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2483, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING, AS AMENDED (PASSED FIRST READING 7/21/15).**

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2483, an Ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriation for the several Departments of the City of Gatlinburg for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016,

and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended (Passed First Reading 7/21/15). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith. Mayor Werner then opened the Public Hearing and there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to approve Ordinance Number 2483 on Second Reading, as amended, was then unanimously adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE GATLINBURG REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

The first Item under New Business was a Public Hearing regarding the creation of the Gatlinburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Mayor Werner then recognized Tennessee Strategies representative Mike Ragsdale and he proceeded to provide an overview of the work on this project and stated that Tennessee Strategies has had the opportunity to work with the City for several months and that five communities across the southeast were reviewed that had very successful redevelopment plans and came back to the City and reported the challenges that these communities faced. Mr. Ragsdale continued that it was quickly concluded that Gatlinburg did not have the same challenges that other cities have had, however, there are some areas of town that need to be addressed looking at redevelopment activities to continue to improve things and make certain that blight does not creep further into the community. Mr. Ragsdale further stated that after research, the suggestion has been made to look at the creation of the Gatlinburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority and that detailed information was presented at an earlier workshop. Mr. Ragsdale stated that legal counsel and staff have prepared in proper form a Resolution to create the Authority and it is before Commission this evening for consideration. Mr. Ragsdale continued that the community would be well served if the City moved forward with this Resolution, as it gives power to the community to make certain that blight does not creep in and also gives constant redevelopment opportunities just to stay better as a community. Mr. Ragsdale concluded that without question, Gatlinburg is a premier destination resort and a wonderful place to live and that this would be one more tool to keep the City moving in that direction and to ensure future prosperity of the community. Commissioner Helton then commented that he had recently seen a report about the City of Knoxville that had over 1,100 current blighted properties that the City was acting on, both commercial and residential, to get cleaned up and that Gatlinburg is not on as big a scale, however, anything that can be done to help the citizens and the community needs to be done. Mayor Werner then called for further comments and there being none, closed the Public Hearing.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 919, A RESOLUTION CREATING THE GATLINBURG REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

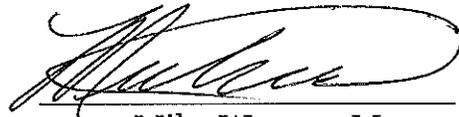
Item B under New Business was Resolution Number 919, a Resolution creating the Gatlinburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2484, A TAX LEVYING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, FIRST READING.**

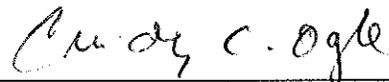
The last Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2484, a Tax Levying Ordinance for the City of Gatlinburg for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, First Reading. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Helton then commented that there was no increase and the City Manager verified that and stated that this sets the Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2484 was unanimously approved on First Reading.

There were no Unscheduled Items.

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.



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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