

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday September 6, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Mike Helton. Mayor Mike Werner called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2016. Commissioner Don Smith 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 the Taste of Autumn, the City's fundraiser for Sevier County United Way, will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 15 in the Mills Conference Center Ballroom and that sixteen different restaurants will be providing food and beverage samples and stand-up comedian Henry Cho will entertain the crowd. The City Manager further stated that tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance at Gatlinburg.com/events, the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Centers or from the Sevier County United Way; and,

(2) that she would like to announce the upcoming "Game.Set.Match." Tennis Tournament that will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at the Don Watson Tennis Center in Mynatt Park. The City Manager further commented that it is a mixed doubles format and youth and adults are welcome to sign up and to contact the Gatlinburg Special Events Office for more information. The City Manager concluded by thanking G. Webb for putting the Tournament together each year on behalf of the Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce Foundation; and,

(3) that she would like to ask Ms. Vicki Simms, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to come forth and introduce a new face for the organization. Ms. Simms stated that she would first like to give an overview of the recent visit by Governor Haslam and Commissioner Triplett and stated that they made some great announcements regarding tourism and that the State of Tennessee reached a historic high in tourism sales of \$18.4 billion in 2015 which was up 3.7% over the previous year and for the 10th consecutive year tourism, topped \$1 billion with state and local sales tax revenues reaching \$1.6 billion which was up 7% over 2014 and had generated 157,400 new jobs in the State. Ms. Simms

continued that Sevier County was one of the top five counties in the State and that the County had the largest increase at 8%. Ms. Simms further stated that the coop program with surrounding Cities converged on an emerging market in the Chicago area and then distributed t-shirts from the cooperative advertising campaign and stated that it generated 22.8 million impressions along with 52,627 ad clicks and stated that the t-shirts commemorate the Chicago Cub players that began with the Tennessee Smokies. Ms. Simms then introduced the new Chief Executive Officer of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mark Adams, who stated that it is good to be here and that he is on day three and has had a great welcoming from everyone. Mr. Adams further stated that he wants to hit the ground running especially with Ms. Simms in her role and that he anticipates great things for the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau organizations and the business community. Mayor Werner then stated that it is good to have Mr. Adams as part of the CVB.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2502, A PROPERTY TAX LEVYING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 08/16/16).

The first Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2502, A Property Tax Levying Ordinance for the City of Gatlinburg for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 08/16/16). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. Vice Mayor McCown then commented that there is no increase in the rate which is the same amount set for the past five years. After these comments, the motion to approve Ordinance Number 2502 was unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2503, AMENDING SECTION 5-701 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SAID SECTION AND SUBSTITUTING AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH BY FURTHER DEFINING TOURIST RESIDENCY, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 08/16/16).

Item B under New Business was Ordinance Number 2503, amending Section 5-701 of the Municipal Code by repealing the second paragraph of said section and substituting an additional paragraph by further defining Tourist Residency, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 08/16/16). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. Ordinance Number 2503 was then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 930, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,650,000, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM.

The first Item under New Business was Resolution Number 930, a Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Gatlinburg, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,650,000, in one or more series; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that this is the final Bond Resolution related to the Sewer Fund and that this was incorporated into the Budget to fund the debt out of Sewer revenues and that the monies were set up in the FY 2017 Budget to support the upcoming debt payments. The City Manager further stated that the main project associated with the debt is the Digester 2 Rehabilitation Project which is \$2.8 million of the \$3.6 bond issue and that there are three areas of the existing sewer collection system that will be rehabilitated with proceeds from this Bond issue. After these comments, Resolution Number 930 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FRIZZELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., RELATED TO THE DIGESTER #2 REHABILITATION PROJECT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Agreement with Frizzell Construction Company, Inc., related to the Digester #2 Rehabilitation Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then recognized Mr. Keith Webb with McGill and Associates and then asked the Utilities Manager to further explain. Mr. Phelps stated that this will be the same design as with the first Digester rehabilitation that occurred approximately six years ago and provides for mechanical improvements and the installation of a gas membrane roof which can store methane gas and will provide energy savings and also includes a new grit removal system. Mr. Phelps continued that this is a 300 day contract and that this is the low bid of the two that were received. Vice Mayor McCown then asked as to a date to proceed and Mr. Webb stated that it would be within 30 days. Mayor Werner then asked if he is familiar with Frizzell and Mr. Webb stated yes, that he has worked with them on various projects over the last twenty years. After

these comments, the motion to approve the Agreement with Frizzell Construction Company, Inc. was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MCGILL ASSOCIATES FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND SITE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE DIGESTER #2 REHABILITATION PROJECT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Engineering Services Agreement with McGill Associates for Contract Administration and Site Inspection Services for the Digester #2 Rehabilitation Project. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then asked the Utilities Manager to explain and he proceeded to do so and stated that McGill Associates was the Design Engineer when the Project began and that the contract administration and the site inspection services were not included in the original contract and that this is in an effort to obtain a good quality Project. The City Manager then commented that the amount of the Agreement is \$228,000 and is within the budgeted amount for the Project. After these comments, the motion to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with McGill Associates was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C2RL, INC., FOR THE DUDLEY CREEK PHASE 1, LECONTE CREEK AND UPPER END RIVER ROAD SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECTS.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Engineering Services Agreement with C2RL, Inc., for the Dudley Creek Phase 1, LeConte Creek and Upper End River Road Sewer Rehabilitation Projects. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Hays. The City Manager then asked the Utilities Manager to explain and Mr. Phelps recognized Mr. Richard Yarbrough with C2RL, Inc. and commented that Mr. Yarbrough's services were used two years ago for the Cherokee Orchard Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project and that these are very similar as to the rehabilitation of existing pipes and man holes and that the previous Project was very successful and that this Agreement is for survey and design of the three sewer rehabilitation projects. After these comments, the motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with C2RL was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 931, 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 931, 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 Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager then asked the Finance Director to explain and he proceeded to do so and stated that this is an annual grant opportunity provided by TML and that funding would be used to do motor vehicle registration checks and also to help offset the cost of GPS tracking units for City vehicles. After these comments, Resolution Number 931 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A 5311 RURAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED TO THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a 5311 Rural Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation related to the Mass Transit Department. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Board of Appeals. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to reappoint Mr. Mike Smelcer and Mr. Lonnie Privitt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Hoped everyone had a great Labor Day weekend and stated that traffic was heavy and thought that it was a successful Holiday weekend for businesses.

Vice Mayor McCown:

- (1) Welcomed Mr. Mark Adams, Chief Executive Officer of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and stated that it is good to have him here and that, if there is anything that Commission can do to help with his transition, to let them know.

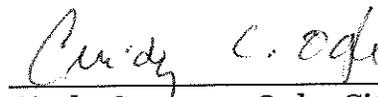
Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Echoed the above; and,
- (2) Commented that he hopes for good Fall business after the good Summer season and stated that he appreciated everyone attending this evening.

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



Mike Werner, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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