

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present. Mayor Jerry Hays called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Hays then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2014. Commissioner Mike Werner made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith and then unanimously adopted.

Item A under Petitions and Communications from the Public was the presentation of a Gold Star Families Proclamation. Mayor Hays commented that Sgt. Lee Dalton was not present this evening to accept the Proclamation which is for the Mountain Man March and the Mayor stated that the Presentation will take place at a later date.

The next Item under Petitions and Communications from the Public was the presentation of a First Tennessee Bank 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation. Mayor Hays presented Mr. Chad Reagan of First Tennessee Bank with a Proclamation to congratulate First Tennessee Bank on its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to declare March 25, 2014, as First Tennessee Day in Gatlinburg.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees, Mayor Hays recognized Ms. Laura Howard, Executive Director of Keep Sevier Beautiful. Ms. Howard then distributed information and thanked the City Commission for their financial contribution and support of the organization. Ms. Howard stated that the areas of focus for Keep Sevier Beautiful are recycling, litter prevention, and beautification and that the organization seeks to improve the community's environment through educating citizens about these opportunities. Ms. Howard then stated that each year the organization provides a graduating senior with a \$1,000 scholarship and also visits each of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to teach them about sustainable lifestyles. Ms. Howard further stated that the organization provides recycling bins at various events in Gatlinburg such as the Chili Cook-off and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, celebrates Earth Week which includes an Earth Festival and the Spur Litter Pick-up, and also works with the Sevier Solid Waste, Inc. Compost Plant to recycle over 70% of the County's solid waste which is the highest recycling rate in the State. Mayor Hays then asked if Keep Sevier Beautiful is still administering the junk car program and Ms. Howard responded that the organization was able to remove five junk cars from the County last year. Mayor Hays thanked Ms. Howard for her report.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to remind everyone that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fit for Duty Firefighter 5K and 10K will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. at the Fire Hall on East Parkway and stated that all proceeds will benefit

the Gatlinburg Firefighter's Association in support of community education programs; and,

- (2) secondly, that on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, TDOT began to repair a rockslide on the Spur near Pigeon Forge and that the work will require one of the right lanes of the south bound side to be closed and is expected to take two weeks.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 903, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,600,000, 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; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS.**

The first Item under New Business was Resolution Number 903, A Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Gatlinburg, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,600,000, 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; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. Vice Mayor Mike Helton made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted. Following the approval of the Resolution, Mayor Hays recognized Mr. Geoff Wolpert, President of the Arrowmont Board of Governors. Mr. Wolpert stated that, fourteen years ago, the Gatlinburg Gateway Foundation held its first community conference with citizens and government leaders with the goal of forming a partnership committed to building a better community. Mr. Wolpert then stated that this investment by the City is a great example of that commitment and will allow Arrowmont to serve the area for another 100 years by preserving the heritage of the community and offering educational opportunities to local students. Mr. Wolpert thanked the City Commission for their confidence in Arrowmont and thanked Mayor Hays and City Manager Cindy Cameron Ogle for all of their hard work and efforts leading to the culmination of the action taken this evening.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR PANKEETA PATEL, D/B/A GLENSTONE LODGE, 504 HISTORIC NATURE TRAIL.**

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Certificate

of Good Moral Character for Pankeeta Patel, d/b/a Glenstone Lodge, 504 Historic Nature Trail. Commissioner Werner made a motion to approve the Certificate of Good Moral Character which was seconded by Vice Mayor Helton and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ABC FORM FOR PHILLIP DON COLLIER, D/B/A GREAT SMOKY MTN. DISTILLERY, INC., 519 PARKWAY.**

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an ABC Form for Phillip Don Collier, d/b/a Great Smoky Mtn. Distillery, Inc., 519 Parkway. Commissioner Werner made a motion to approve the ABC Form which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2473, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GATLINBURG MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL CHAPTER THERETO, BEING CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 1, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION OF, ACCESS TO, AND DUPLICATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS PURSUANT TO THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (T.C.A. 10-7-504, ET SEQ.), FIRST READING.**

The next Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2473, an Ordinance to amend the Gatlinburg Municipal Code by adding an additional Chapter thereto, being Chapter 5 of Title 1, and further being an Ordinance establishing procedures for public inspection of, access to, and duplication of public records pursuant to the Tennessee Public Records Act (T.C.A. 10-7-504, et seq.), First Reading. Commissioner Werner made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor Helton and then unanimously adopted on First Reading.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN OTHER THAN THE LOW BID TO CLUB CAR, INC., FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF GOLF CARTS FOR THE GATLINBURG GOLF COURSE.**

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an other than the low Bid to Club Car, Inc., for the lease/purchase of golf carts for the Gatlinburg Golf Course. Vice Mayor Helton made a motion to approve the bid which was seconded by Commissioner Mark McCown and then unanimously adopted.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER**

**NO. 2 TO THE RICH CONSTRUCTION, INC., CONTRACT RELATED TO THE PARKWAY VISITOR CENTER PEDESTRIAN PLAZA PROJECT.**

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving Change Order No. 2 to the Rich Construction, Inc., Contract related to the Parkway Visitor Center Pedestrian Plaza Project. Commissioner Werner made a motion to approve the Change Order which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner McCown then apologized to the citizens for the delays in the construction of the Project. He stated that the Project was delayed a few weeks for unforeseen issues related to City water and sewer lines and several weeks for a potential development which did not work out and further stated that the City has learned from its mistakes and will be moving forward with the Project. After discussion, the motion to approve Change Order No. 2 to the Rich Construction, Inc., Contract related to the Parkway Visitor Center Pedestrian Plaza Project was unanimously adopted.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Mike Werner:**

- (1) Stated that he was saddened by the passing of Mr. Garfield Huskey and that Garfield was a good guy and will be greatly missed.

**Commissioner Mark McCown:**

- (1) Stated that he wanted to welcome home his two new grandchildren, Max and Charlie, and say hello to his other grandchild Benjamin.

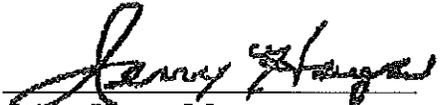
**Vice Mayor Mike Helton:**

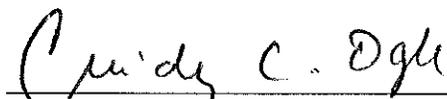
- (1) Commented that it was great to see the supporters of Arrowmont in attendance and that he looks forward to seeing Arrowmont continue its work in the community for many years; and,
- (2) Thanked Ms. Laura Howard for her work at Keep Sevier Beautiful and stated that she does a good job.

**Mayor Jerry Hays:**

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the passing of Mr. Huskey.

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

  
Jerry Hays, Mayor

  
Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder  
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