

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 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 July 22, 2014. Vice Mayor Mike Werner made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Don Smith 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 that the Gatlinburg Community Center is closed for annual maintenance this week Monday, August 4 thru Sunday, August 10, 2014, and that the Center will reopen at 6:00 A.M. Monday, August 11, 2014; and,
- (2) that Kids Firefighter Camp sponsored by the Gatlinburg Fire Department is being held this week August 4 thru August 8, 2014, and that Campers will experience what it is like to be a Firefighter; and,
- (3) that she also wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming "Through The Years" Gatlinburg History Museum Dedication that will be held Friday, August 8, 2014, at 4:00 P.M. at the Visitor's Center at Ripley's Aquarium Plaza. The City Manager commented that the Museum tells the story of Gatlinburg and the rise of the arts and crafts community through photographs and archival items donated by people and organizations in the community and that this was a joint project between the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies; and,
- (4) that she wanted to announce that there would not be an August 11, 2014, Budget Workshop Meeting that it was not needed; and,
- (5) that finally, she wanted to advise that the Parkway Plaza Pedestrian Project will be open to the public sometime next week and that the Contractor's work has been declared substantially complete and that City personnel are putting the final cleaning and landscaping touches on the site.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2476, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND TO CARRY FORWARD**

**APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, Public Hearing and Second Reading, As Amended (Passed First Reading 7/22/14).**

The only Item under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2476, an Ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriation for the several departments of the City of Gatlinburg for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, Public Hearing and Second Reading, as amended (Passed First Reading 7/22/14). Commissioner Mark McCown made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2476, as amended, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Helton then opened the Public Hearing and there being no comments, closed the Public Hearing. The motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2476, on Second Reading as amended, was then unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 911, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING CHAPTER NO. 56 OF THE PRIVATE ACTS OF 2014 (HOUSE BILL NO. 2527), AND FURTHER BEING A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE SEATS ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS AFTER JULY 1, 2014.**

The first Item under New Business was Resolution Number 911, a Resolution Ratifying and approving Chapter No. 56 of the Private Acts of 2014 (House Bill No. 2527), and further being a Resolution to designate the seats on the Board of Commissioners for future elections after July 1, 2014. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve Resolution Number 911 which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. Vice Mayor Werner then commented that early in the discussion to make this change, pros and cons were addressed and stated that this method reflects a purer and truer vote and that this approach has worked well in other areas. Mayor Helton then stated that this action will allow voters to cast votes for three candidates in the Spring and two candidates two years later, and that this does not eliminate the number of candidates in a City Election process. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 911 was unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 912, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SEAT NUMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUTURE QUALIFYING AND ELECTION OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.**

Item B under New Business was Resolution Number 912, A Resolution designating the seat numbers of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Gatlinburg for the purpose of future qualifying and election of City Commissioners. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2477, A TAX LEVYING ORDINANCE FOR THE**

**CITY OF GATLINBURG FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014  
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, FIRST READING.**

The last Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2477, a Tax Levying Ordinance for the City of Gatlinburg for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, First Reading. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. Mayor Helton commented that there is no increase in the property tax rate and that it remains the same as last year. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2477 was adopted on First Reading.

**UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**Vice Mayor Mike Werner:**

- (1) Commended City Manager Cindy Cameron Ogle and Finance Director Robert Holt for their long hours of work on the Budget and stated that it is very informative going over line by line every Department and that he appreciates their hard work; and,
- (2) Stated that the Community Center annual maintenance on an in-house basis is a really great approach and that the Center being thirty plus years old looks great and is attributable to this work.

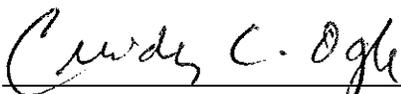
**Mayor Mike Helton:**

- (1) Stated that High School Fall sports are in full swing with practices ongoing and that the official start of School is Friday, August 15, and commented that everyone needs to drive carefully as the new school year commences.

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 Helton, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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