

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Room. All members were present with the exception of Commissioner Jerry Hays. 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 February 24, 2015. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously adopted.

There were no Petitions or Communications from the Public or Items from the audience.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees, Mayor Helton presented a Twenty Year Service Award to Captain Joe Galentine of the Fire Department.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to reminded everyone that the Gatlinburg Firefighters Association, Firefighters 5K & 10K road race is Saturday, March 21, 2015, and commented that it is not too late to participate and that registration begins at 9:00 A.M. at Headquarters next to City Hall; and,
- (2) that she wanted to remind everyone of Sparkle Days and that businesses and residents are encouraged to clean up for Spring and that commercial pick up is scheduled for March 23 - 27 and residential pick up is March 30 - April 3, and that for more information to contact the Street Department at 430-1370; and,
- (3) that she would like to remind everyone of the Gatlinburg Community Oriented Police Program (G.C.O.P.P.) Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on Saturday, April 4 at noon at Mynatt Park and that children ages 1 to 12 are welcome to participate and stated that hot dogs and drinks will be served, with the Egg Hunt to begin at 1:00 P.M.; and,
- (4) that she wanted to announce that the community is invited to a Sunrise Easter Service that will be held on Sunday, April 5, in the parking lot at Ober Gatlinburg and that free tram rides will begin at 5:00 A.M. and the 45 minute service will begin at 6:30 A.M.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 915, A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NAMING OF THE SEVIER COUNTY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FACILITY IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF MR. DANNIE CARR.

The first Item under New Business was Resolution Number 915, a Resolution to support the naming of the Sevier County Veterans Administration Facility in honor and memory of Mr. Dannie Carr. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. The City Manager then commented that she would like to recognize Mr. Bill Snodgrass, District Director for Congressman Phil Roe, and that Congressman Roe had requested support for the naming of this facility from the City and also from other Cities and Sevier County. The City Manager further stated that it was Congressman Roe's desire that the facility be named for Mr. Carr. Mayor Helton then commented that it is a great way to honor Mr. Carr who was a resident of Pittman Center and a graduate of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School and sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 915 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK AND THE CITY FOR MUTUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the City for mutual law enforcement assistance. Commissioner Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner. The City Manager then commented that this is a longstanding agreement with the National Park and another great way that the City and the Park cooperate and stated that this would extend the mutual law enforcement assistance agreement for one year and that it is normally a five year agreement and that some modifications need to be made and that in a few months an updated five year agreement will be presented. After these comments, the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF A TROLLEY TV SYSTEM PROJECT.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving and authorizing the funding of a Trolley TV System Project. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve and authorize the Project which was seconded by Commissioner McCown. Vice Mayor Werner commented that this was an idea that Mr. John Northcoat had brought up and that there has been much time and research done and that it would be good for Gatlinburg and stated that he appreciated all the time that Mass Transit Manager Buddy Parton has put into this endeavor. The City Manager then commented that Mr. Kevin Tierney compiled the necessary information for this Project and stated that it includes purchasing 23 TVs and all the related equipment to put into the 19 active Trolleys that run throughout the City. The City Manager

further stated that this proposal includes 4 back up units, and that total equipment costs are \$14,835 for the televisions with radio costs of \$2,700 which equates to approximately \$17,000 to \$18,000 in equipment costs and a maintenance agreement with Lorelei Productions to operate, maintain and market the project that would be \$4,800 per year. The City Manager continued that based upon 10 minutes of City related video and special events and 50 minutes of advertising at a cost of \$1.00 per second ad cost, a potential estimated revenue of \$36,000 would be generated to offset these expenses. The City Manager concluded that this was on the Agenda so that this system could be in place for this Summer Season. After discussion, the motion to approve and authorize the funding of a Trolley System Project was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR THE USAGE OF THE FRED MCMAHAN PARKING GARAGE ON FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015, FROM THE ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request for the usage of the Fred McMahan Parking Garage on Friday, May 1 2015, from the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR THE USAGE OF THE FRED MCMAHAN PARKING GARAGE ON APRIL 9-12, 2015, FROM THE GATLINBURG CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request for the usage of the Fred McMahan Parking Garage on April 9 – 12, 2015, from the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. Vice Mayor Werner made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A REQUEST FOR THE USAGE OF THE AQUARIUM PARKING GARAGE ON APRIL 27, 2015, FROM THE SEVIER COUNTY FOOD MINISTRIES.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a request for the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage on April 27, 2015, from the Sevier County Food Ministries. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Vice Mayor Werner and then unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Thanked Captain Galentine for his twenty years of service and stated that it is good to have employees that stay with the City for twenty years; and,
- (2) Stated that we needed to keep Commissioner Hays in our prayers.

Commissioner Mark McCown:

- (1) Congratulated Captain Galentine on his twenty years of service; and,
- (2) Referenced Tunes and Tales petition and stated that the Special Events Committee thought that the Program should continue and that it would be good if this could be discussed at the next Convention and Visitors Bureau Board Meeting; and ,
- (3) Stated that he had a disturbing letter regarding distilleries and stated that a City Commission Workshop meeting with anyone that supplies liquor in the community or that distills liquor was needed to discuss these problems downtown.

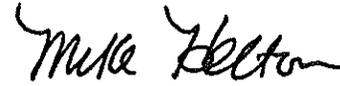
Vice Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Congratulated Captain Galentine on his twenty years of service; and,
- (2) Echoed the above regarding Tunes and Tales and stated that Dr. Ira Lapidés had mentioned that there was a contingency of people that would like to see Tunes and Tales continue and stated that he agreed with Commissioner McCown that it needed to be addressed at the next CVB Board meeting.

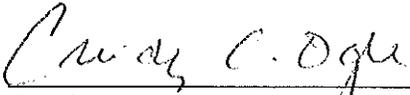
Mayor Mike Helton:

- (1) Also congratulated Captain Galentine for his twenty years of service to the City; and,
- (2) Wished Commissioner Hays a speedy recovery; and,
- (3) Stated that he met the new Park Superintendent Mr. Cash and feels that he will be great to work with as was the previous Superintendent Mr. Dale Ditamanson and encouraged everyone to welcome Mr. Cash and his family to the community.

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



Mike Helton, Mayor



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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