

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday August 18, 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. Finance Director Robert Holt gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2015. Commissioner Mike Helton 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.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees Mayor Werner recognized Ms. Vicki Simms, Executive Director of the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ms. Simms then introduced Mrs. Mary Hope Maples, Director of the Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Council (SMTDC), and stated that she would like to thank Mrs. Maples for the great job she is doing and that she is excited for her to give the Annual Report. Ms. Simms concluded by stating that she appreciates the City's support of the SMTDC. Mrs. Maples then proceeded to address City Commission and referenced Mr. Leon Downey, Ms. Vicki Simms, Ms. Brenda McCroskey and Mr. Perrin Anderson as Board Members and then reviewed the Annual Report document that was distributed to City Commission. Mrs. Maples then thanked the City Commission for their continued financial support. Mayor Werner thanked Mrs. Maples for her report and then thanked Mr. Downey, Ms. McCroskey, Ms. Simms and Mr. Elder for all the hard work that they do and stated that everyone appreciates their efforts.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she wanted to remind everyone of the 4th Annual Smoky Mountain Songwriters Festival that begins this Thursday, August 20 through Sunday, August 23, 2015, and that the Festival celebrates songwriters and the stories behind the songs. The City Manager further stated that there would be free live performances throughout the City, songwriting competitions, band playoffs along with songwriting workshops and that for more information to visit their website at www.smswf.com; and,
- (2) that she wanted to announce that the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Dine and Discover Educational Series will be on the topic of Marketing Trends for 2016 and that is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. at the Brookside Resorts Events Center with registration beginning at 8:30 A.M. and that the cost is \$15 and does include breakfast; and,
- (3) that she would also like to announce that the Gatlinburg and Sevierville Chambers of Commerce will present a Joint Legislative Session with Congressman Phil Roe who will discuss the topic: Issues in Washington,

D.C. that affect small businesses. The City Manager further stated that the Session will be held on Friday, August 28, 2015, at the Brookside Resort Center at 10:00 A.M. with registration beginning at 9:30 A.M. and that due to limited seating, advance registration is required; and,

- (4) that she wanted to advise that the Taste of Autumn, the Community's fundraiser for the Sevier County United Way, will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015, at the Gatlinburg Convention Center from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. The City Manager further commented that the entertainment this year is a female Comedy Trio called "Country Cool" and that they are currently traveling the nation on the #WhatsYourCrazy Comedy Tour and that these ladies are Southern, well-travelled, razor sharp and savvy and that they look at life like it is and tell the story with a charm and style that is sure to keep you laughing and the City Manager concluded by stating that attendees can indulge on samples from some of the area's finest restaurants and attractions and that everyone is encouraged to come out for good food, a good time and to benefit United Way and that tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance at Gatlinburg.com/events or at the Chamber of Commerce office or from a Sevier County United Way Board Member; and,
- (5) that it is also my pleasure to advise this evening that the City's Finance Director Robert Holt has received the designation of a Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) and that due to his hard work in securing this Certification, his CPA license has also been reactivated as he obtained the necessary continuing education units through the CMFO process, and that with these Certifications, the City is in compliance with the Tennessee Municipal Finance Officer Certification and Education Act of 2007. The City Manager further stated that she would like to extend congratulations to Mr. Holt for his hard work that has led to his successful completion of the Program; and,
- (6) finally, that she wanted to announce that the Community Center is now fully reopened as of yesterday and the reopening was delayed a couple of days due to the fire that involved the Finchum Sports Floor warehouse facility. The City Manager further stated that the lobby areas will need to be rescheduled for resurfacing and that Staff will advise of that schedule in the very near future.

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, THIRD AND FINAL READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 7/21/15) AND SECOND

READING, AS AMENDED, 08/04/15).

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, Third and Final Reading, (Passed First Reading 7/21/15 and Second Reading, as amended, 08/04/015). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously adopted on Third and Final Reading.

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, SECOND READING, (PASSED FIRST READING 08/04/15).

The last Item under Old 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, Second Reading, (Passed First Reading 08/04/15). Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted on Second and Final Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2485, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-233 OF THE GATLINBURG MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING SECTION 18-233(1) IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION IN LIEU THEREOF TO INCREASE USAGE CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE, FIRST READING.

The first Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2485, an Ordinance to amend Section 18-233 of the Gatlinburg Municipal Code by repealing Section 18-233(1) in its entirety and adopting a new Section in lieu thereof to increase usage charges for sewer service, First Reading. Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2486, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 17-103 OF THE GATLINBURG MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING TWO SENTENCES THERETO AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF ONE DUMPSTER FOR OCCUPANTS OF SAID UNITS, FIRST READING.

Item B under New Business was Ordinance Number 2486, an Ordinance to amend Section 17-103 of the Gatlinburg Municipal Code by adding two sentences thereto and further being an Ordinance to require certain residential rental units provide a

minimum of one dumpster for occupants of said units, First Reading. Commissioner Helton made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted on First Reading.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RATIFYING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE GATLINBURG REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.

The next Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of ratifying Mayoral appointments to the Gatlinburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board. Mayor Werner stated that this is a five member board and that Mr. Matt Zoder, Mr. Kirby Smith, Mr. Jason Seavy, Mrs. Jackie Leatherwood and Mr. Tom Norton, to serve as Chairman, have all agreed to serve. Commissioner Hays made a motion to ratify the board roster as presented by the Mayor which was seconded by Commissioner Helton and then unanimously approved.

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

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointments to the Board of Appeals. Commissioner Helton made a motion to reappoint Mr. David Hadden and Mr. Garry Shultz to the Board. Vice Mayor McCown seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF PARKWAY FROM TRAFFIC LIGHT #6 TO REAGAN DRIVE FOR THE WINTER MAGIC KICK-OFF AND CHILI COOK-OFF EVENT ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015.

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the closure of a portion of Parkway from Traffic Light #6 to Reagan Drive for the Winter Magic Kick-Off and Chili Cook-Off Event on November 11, 2015. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the closure which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT FOR FY2015-16 UROP STATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.

The last Item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract for FY2015-16 UROP State Operating Assistance with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Mass Transit Department. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then commented that the total grant amount is \$442,000 and that the State portion is \$353,600 with the City's share being \$88,400 and stated

that as with the other couple of State operating assistance grants, these are extremely critical to the funding of the operation of the City's Trolley System. After these comments, the motion to approve the Grant Contract was unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Wanted to again thank the City Manager and the Finance Director for a good job on the Budget and stated that a lot of work went into it and commented that it is good to have this behind them.

Commissioner Mike Helton:

- (1) Congratulated Mr. Robert Holt on his Certifications that he received; and,
- (2) Stated that every month that Mr. Buddy Parton brings a Grant in for the Mass Transit Department and expressed his appreciation of that; and,
- (3) Encouraged everyone to drive carefully since the new School year has begun and commented that Knox County had issued 400 citations in school zones already this year.

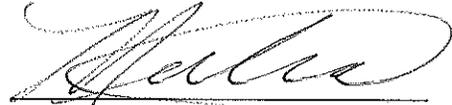
Vice Mayor Mark McCown:

- (1) Offered thanks to the City Manager and Staff and Finance Director for their hard work on the Budget and then referenced the \$2.1 Million in the Budget for the Paving Program and stated that he would like the public to know that 22 miles of paving will be done within the City over the next couple of years.

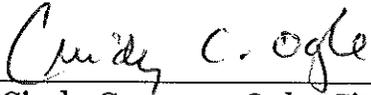
Mayor Mike Werner:

- (1) Referenced the upcoming football game between Gatlinburg-Pittman High School and Pigeon Forge High School and encouraged everyone to get out and support their team; and,
- (2) Asked Mr. Logan Coykendall as to the opening of the Marriott and Mr. Coykendall stated that the Marriott is scheduled to open on August 31 and that they passed their inspection just today and that they will have a restaurant in the hotel that will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and encouraged everyone to come see the new hotel and stated that a grand opening event will be held sometime in December.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Commissioner Helton 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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