

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday July 19, 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 then asked Boy Scouts Garrett Soehn and Tyler Ebb to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Building and Planning Director David Ball gave the Invocation.

Mayor Werner then called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 5, 2016. Vice Mayor Mark McCown 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, the City Manager presented the Employee Recognition Board 2016 Employee and Units of the Second Quarter Awards. The Employee of the Quarter was presented to Mr. Harvey Sutton of the Street Department and Units of the Quarter to Ms. Tess Werner and Mr. Josh Browning of the Convention Center and to Mr. Myrl Carr and Mr. Michael Huskey of the Sanitation Department.

Item B under Reports of Boards and Committees was Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau 2016 Second Quarter Report presentation by Executive Director, Vicki Simms. Ms. Simms then distributed the Report and stated that the CVB has participated with the Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Council and the State in a Co-Operative Program in Chicago, including TV, Digital, and PR placement, as well as AAA office visits, an on-site promotional set-up at Union Station, and Chicago Cubs vs. Atlanta Braves game sponsorship and stated that this was a very successful promotion. Ms. Simms continued that the GCVB co-hosted with Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Council the Tourist of the Day and National Park Employee of the Year luncheon in conjunction with National Tourism Week at Park headquarters and also in celebration of National Tourism Week. She further stated that staff visited five regional State Welcome Centers interacting with and promoting Gatlinburg and that the Beans and Cornbread is a growing event and that due to inclement weather, the Festival, had to be cancelled. Ms. Simms then mentioned the open house celebrating the interior renovations to the Spur Welcome Center and thanked the City for their support of this project. Ms. Simms further stated that "The Mountains are Calling" campaign went live for digital campaigns on May 19, 2016. Ms. Simms then stated that there were five ribbon cuttings held during the Second Quarter and also mentioned the July 4th activities. Mayor Werner then asked as to increased sales at the Spur Welcome Center due to the remodeling and Ms. Simms replied that yes there has been a noticeable increase.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to announce that the Community Center will be closed for the annual maintenance week beginning Monday, August 8, 2016, and that the Center will reopen on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 A.M.; and,
- (2) that she would like to remind everyone that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Park Vista Pavilion.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT.

The first item under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Multimodal Access Grant. Commissioner Jerry Hays made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager then gave an overview of the contract and stated that the City has been awarded \$396,036 toward a \$416,880 Project and that the City share would be \$20,844 which is in the proposed FY 2016-17 Budget. The City Manager further stated that elements of the Project include a large trolley shelter at the Rocky Top Sports World Complex as well as six non-intersection crosswalks on Highway 321 that will have a solar power system with pedestrian signalization along with the Roaring Fork Road and Ridge Road intersections. The City Manager then asked the Public Works Director to further explain how this affects the Rocky Top Sports World complex and campus and Mr. Henderson stated that the large Trolley shelter will be located on the island that separates the two parking lots and that this is in an effort to encourage increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic and utilization of the Mass Transit System. After these comments, the motion to approve a Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Multimodal Access Grant was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 928, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) RISK MANAGEMENT POOL "SAFETY PARTNERS" LOSS CONTROL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

Item B under New Business was Resolution Number 928, a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" 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 explained that the Resolution authorizes the City to participate in this Program with the TML Risk Management Pool which enables receipt of up to \$3,000 and that these monies would be used to off-set costs associated with driver safety and alcohol and drug training as well as costs for turn out gear which has been included in the proposed Budget. After these comments, the motion to approve Resolution Number 928 was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2501, AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND FIXING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND TO CARRY FORWARD APPROPRIATIONS FOR PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES, First Reading.

The last Item under New Business was Ordinance Number 2501, an Ordinance making and fixing the annual appropriation for the several Department of the City for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances, First Reading. Commissioner Hays made a motion to approve the Ordinance which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Vice Mayor McCown then thanked the City Manager and the Finance Director for all their hard work that was put into preparing the \$62 million Budget and the nine hour long presentation held the previous day. After these comments, Ordinance Number 2501 was unanimously adopted on First Reading.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Jerry Hays:

- (1) Congratulated the Employee Recognition Board Award recipients and stated that they do a good job for the City.

Commissioner Don Smith:

- (1) Echoed the above regarding the Employee Recognition Board Award recipients and stated that the City does have great employees.

Vice Mayor McCown:

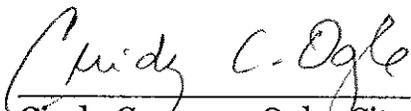
- (1) Recognized Mr. Harvey Sutton, Ms. Tess Werner, Mr. Josh Browning, Mr. Myrl Carr and Mr. Michael Huskey as the Employee Recognition Board Award recipients and stated that they do good work and are quality employees; and,
- (2) Asked Mr. David Ball to investigate a cell tower that is dressed up as a tree in Raleigh, North Carolina and to discuss with Hemphill the possibility of doing this to disguise at least the top fifty feet of the tower due to concerns of the impact the tower might have on Rocky Top Sports World and the Highway 321 corridor.

Mayor Mike Werner:

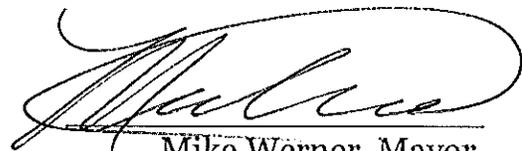
- (1) Echoed the above regarding the Employee Recognition Board Award recipients; and,
- (2) Thanked the City Manager and the Finance Director for their hard work in the Budget process and stated that they keep City Commission well informed.

Vice Mayor McCown then thanked Boy Scouts Garrett Soehn and Tyler Ebb for being in attendance this evening.

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



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
/jv



Mike Werner, Mayor