

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday July 6, 2021, 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 June 22, 2021. Commissioner Ryan DeSear made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Chad Reagan and then unanimously adopted.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to report on the status of various Capital Projects and the Convention Center Renovation Project and stated that copies of the reports were placed at the podium and that these Projects include Glades Road Water and Sewer Extension, Mynatt Park ADA Accessibility Project, Dog Park at Mills Park, Winterfest Lights Warehouse Construction, and the Convention Center Renovations Project; and,
- (2) that she would like to announce the Gatlinburg Craftsmen's Fair is July 9-18, 2021, at the Gatlinburg Convention Center with over 180 Crafters and Artist displaying and selling their wares; and,
- (3) that she would like to announce there are still a few openings for the Gatlinburg Police Department's Police camp for children ages 9 to 13 and to register call the Police Department at 436-1421: and,
- (4) that she would like to announce that with the installation of digital signage at both the Parkway/McMahan and Aquarium Parking Garages that provides information regarding the number of available spaces in each facility will soon be able to be accessed by desktop or mobile on the City's website at GatlinburgTn.gov, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Visit Gatlinburg mobile phone application and their website at Gatlinburg.com.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2571, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BEING ORDINANCE NO.830, AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 714 AND 715 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTE NEW SECTIONS IN LIEU THEREOF AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT NEW CRITICAL SLOPE FLOATING ZONE AND HILLSIDE OVERLAY DISTRICT PROVISIONS, Third Reading (Passed Second Reading, as amended, and Passed First Reading 5/4/2021 and Planning Commission 2/20/2020).

Item A under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2571, Amending the Zoning Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 830, and further being an Ordinance to repeal sections 714 and 715 in their entirety and substitute new sections in lieu thereof and further being and Ordinance to adopt new critical slope floating zone and Hillside Overlay District Provisions, Third Reading (Passed Second Reading, as amended, 6/22/2021 and Passed First Reading 5/4/2021 and Planning Commission 3/16/2021). Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on Third Reading which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The motion to adopt the Ordinance was unanimously approved on Third and Final Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2574, AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 15-129 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION IN LIEU THEREOF AND FURTHER BEING AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT CERTAIN STATE TRAFFIC STATUTES, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/22/2021).

Item B under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2574, an Ordinance to repeal section 15-129 of the Municipal Code and substituting a new section in lieu thereof and further being an Ordinance to adopt certain state traffic statutes, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/22/2021). Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on Second Reading which was seconded by Vice Mayor Mark McCown. The motion to adopt the Ordinance was unanimously approved on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2576, AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/22/2021).

Item C under Old Business was Ordinance Number 2576, amending the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, Second Reading (Passed First Reading 6/22/2021). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on Second Reading which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The motion to adopt the Ordinance was unanimously approved on Second Reading.

New Business:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH HURST EXCAVATING, LLC, RELATED TO THE WEST PRONG FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Agreement with Hurst Excavation, LLC, related to the West Prong Force Main Improvement Project.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner Reagan. The City Manager noted that this is an extremely important Project for the City as it is a critical portion of the Sewer system which carries everything in the system from the main lift station at Herbert Holt Park to the Sewer Plant and that construction was critical to occur in the months of August, September and October due to the low flow of the river. The City Manager also explained that the bids for this Project were opened on June 17 and that the low bid, submitted by Hurst Excavating, was in the amount of \$1,607,770.00 and that the Project account had \$725,000.00 available for construction and that the remaining funds would be provided from the American Rescue Plan monies to be received within the next year for Utility Infrastructure Projects. Mayor Werner asked how large the line would be and the Utilities Manager responded that the current line was 16 inches in diameter and the new line would be increased to 18 inches and would be a very long-term investment for the City. The Utilities Manager also explained that during the construction there would be some disturbance to Herbert Holt Park and that staff would be engaged in the preconstruction meeting and that there would be some work that occurs in the river and that is why construction needs to be performed when water levels are lower. After these comments, the motion to approve the Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE AQUARIUM PARKING GARAGE BY THE FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE'S BABIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ON AUGUST 28, 2021.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the usage of the Aquarium Parking Garage by the Friends of Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs on August 28, 2021. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Mayor Werner commented that this is a great event and something the City should approve. After these comments, the motion to approve the request was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ANNA PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving appointments to the Anna Porter Public Library Board. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the appointments Ms. Debra Veranth and Ms. Sharon Mellor which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that the Library Board is self-appointed and that the approval of the Board roster by the City Commission is required by the Secretary of State's office. After these comments, the motion to approve the appointments was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LAND LEASE WITH SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1399 SKI VIEW DRIVE.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the First Amendment to the Land Lease with Spectrum Southeast, LLC, for property located at 1399 Ski View Drive. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the First Amendment to the land lease which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The Finance Director explained that the proposed Amendment adds five years to the present renewal option, which extends the renewal period through December 31, 2021, and that increases the monthly rental amount from \$1,120 to \$1,300. Commissioner DeSear asked if this was Charter Spectrum and the Finance Director said it was. Commissioner DeSear then discussed that Internet service within the City lacks reliability, even with improvements since the 2016 Wildfires, and that the City should make plans over the next 10 years to make Internet a public utility to improve service to the City because currently Charter Spectrum was unable to handle all of the data in the City. Vice Mayor McCown questioned about fiber installed in the downtown area in recent years to which the Building and Planning Director explained those were owned by Extenet to provide small cellular towers which are leased to cell phone providers. Mayor Werner asked if there could be more fiber added to increase services and speed and Commissioner DeSear replied that the City should consider researching the process of making Internet a public utility over the next 10 years and also asked the City to contact Verizon Wireless to inquire about poor cell phone reception in the area in recent weeks. After these comments, the motion to approve the First Amendment to the land lease was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2575, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 15-705 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND TO ADOPT A NEW SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SAID SECTION TO INCREASE THE CHARGE FOR ILLEGAL PARKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY FROM \$10.00 TO \$50.00 PER VIOLATION, First Reading.

Ordinance Number 2575, an Ordinance to amend Section 15-705 of the Municipal Code and to adopt a new second paragraph of said section to increase the charge for illegal parking on public property from \$10.00 to \$50.00 per violation, First Reading. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to adopt the Ordinance on First Reading which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner DeSear explained that it was unfair to parking lot owners in the City for the cost of a parking violation to cost less than parking legally. After these comments, the motion to adopt the Ordinance on First Reading was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

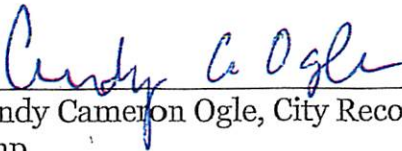
Commissioner Ryan DeSear

- (1) Stated that he has received many comments recently about the beautiful flowers throughout the City and that he wanted to congratulate the Parks and

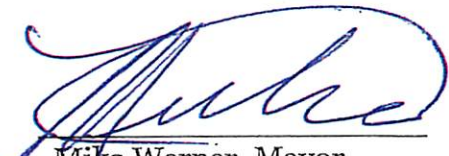
Recreation Staff for an incredible job with the flowers this year; and,

- (2) Stated that May's financial numbers were phenomenal once again and that the City is blessed for its success since the economic reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
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Mike Werner, Mayor