

The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M in the City Council Room. All members were present except for Commissioner Ryan DeSear. 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 April 18, 2023. Vice Mayor Mark McCown made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Commissioner Chad Reagan and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding petitions and communications from the public and items from the audience, Mayor Werner recognized Shirley LaBorde who signed up to speak about a possible mural on the retaining wall on Cherokee Orchard Road, yellow paint on the curb of the sidewalk on Cherokee Orchard Road and providing parking for Tunes and Tales performers. Ms. LaBorde commented that the retaining wall looks good after it was cleaned and that she thought a mural would look good on this wall. Ms. LaBorde also commented that the yellow paint on the curb of the sidewalk will help drivers distinguish the sidewalk from the street and that she was also concerned about the crosswalk at Margaritaville because it was not marked well. Commissioner Reagan asked if reflective paint can be placed in this area and the Public Works Director replied that there are reflective beads in the paint. Commissioner Reagan asked when the last time these areas have been striped and the Public Works Director replied that they are on the list to be striped in the near future. Ms. LaBorde also voiced her support for the Tunes and Tales program and that it is great for the City and that she had concerns regarding the performers' parking.

Mayor Werner then recognized Bob Price who signed up to present Gideon Bibles to the Mayor, the City Manager, the Police Chief, the incoming Police Chief, and the Fire Chief. Following the presentation, Mayor Werner stated he was thankful for the Gideons and their service and for the presentation of the Bibles to City officials.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

- (1) that she would like to advise that the Finance Department reopened its operations at City Hall on Monday, May 8 and that the City is thankful to the American Legion for allowing the use of its facility for temporary offices, the City employees who worked from temporary locations and assisted in the moving process, and to AllPro Restoration for their efforts to return operations back to City Hall as quickly as it was possible; and,
- (2) that she would like to advise that status updates of the FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 Capital Projects have been placed at the podium for review; and,
- (3) that she wanted to announce that the Gatlinburg Farmers Market begins for the season this Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the American Legion Parking Lot and that the Farmers Market is held every Saturday through October 14.

New Business:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR THE NON COLLABORATIVE FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FISCAL RECOVERY.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for the Non Collaborative Funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fiscal Recovery. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Grant Contract which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that these are American Rescue Plan Act funds that the City would be receiving and that a Resolution was passed in September 2022 that approved the required matching funds of \$80,734. The Finance Director explained that the total Project budget is \$484,404.82. The City Manager explained that Item B on the Agenda will detail the five initiatives in the Utilities Department that the grant funds will be used to complete. After these comments, the motion to approve the Grant Contract was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C2RL, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) PROJECT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with C2RL, Inc., for engineering services related to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The Utilities Manager explained that the Agreement consists of five tasks which include water loss and leak detection services, distributions system mapping updates, a water distribution system model, a Water Treatment Plant facility assessment, and a sanitary sewer evaluation survey. Commissioner Reagan asked that the Grant Contract noted a September 30, 2026, deadline date to spend the funds and the Utilities Manager replied that the work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024. Following these comments, the motion to approve the Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of making appointment to the City Public Building Authority and Industrial Development Board. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion that to appoint Brennon Garrett to the City Public Building

Authority and Industrial Development Board. Vice Mayor McCown also made a motion to reappoint Candace Ogle Morton to the City Public Building Authority and Industrial Development Board. The appointment of Brennon Garrett and the reappointment of Candace Ogle Morton were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF MAKING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT TO THE SEVIER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT (E-911) BOARD.

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of making a City Representative appointment to the Sevier County Emergency Communication District (E-911) Board. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to designate incoming Police Chief Ronnie Barrett as the City's representative on the Sevier County Emergency Communication District (E-911) Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2599, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND BOARDS OF THE CITY PENDING THE FINAL PASSAGE OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, First Reading.

Item E under New Business was Ordinance Number 2599, appropriating an amount of sufficient to cover the necessary expenses of the various departments, offices and Boards of the City pending the final passage of the annual appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2023-24, First Reading. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Ordinance which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The motion to adopt the Ordinance on first reading was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Chad Reagan

(1) Stated that he was glad to have his daughter, Vadalyn, in attendance for her first meeting.

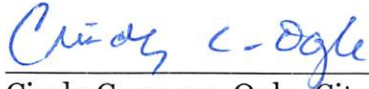
Mayor Mike Werner

(1) Stated that he was glad that Roger Sims was now with the City as its Assistant Public Works Director; and,

(2) Reiterated his appreciation for the Gideons who were at the meeting to present City officials with Bibles; and,

(2) Stated that he wanted to thank Shirley LaBorde for her comments.

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


Mike Werner, Mayor

Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder
/mp