The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 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. 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 September 21, 2021. 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 or Reports of Boards and Committees. There was no City Manager's report.

New Business:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTORS, INC. RELATED TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Contract with Southern Constructors, Inc. related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Commissioner Chad Reagan made a motion to approve the Contract which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager referenced the Workshop Meeting held earlier in the evening. The Utilities Manager explained that the Contract is with Southern Constructors, Inc., who was the low bidder on the Project and that the City had worked with Southern Constructors on previous Projects and recommended the awarding of the Contract. The Utilities Manager also explained that the Contract is a 660 day agreement to final completion and a 600 day agreement to substantial completion and that the Project would be completed in October 2024. Vice Mayor McCown asked how much the Project would improve capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Utilities Manager replied that capacity would be increased by 50 percent from 3.0 million gallons per day to 4.5 million gallons per day, with future expansion opportunities available. Vice Mayor McCown then asked if the Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently operating at its capacity and the Utilities Manager confirmed that the 3.0 million gallons per day is the current capacity of the plant so the Project has to be completed. Vice Mayor McCown also asked about the fencing alternative in the Contract and the Utilities Manager explained that fencing would be replaced along the rear of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Vice Mayor McCown asked if the fencing in the Contract would screen off the Wastewater Treatment Plant from the Gatlinburg Welcome Center during construction and the City Manager explained that Commissioner Ryan DeSear referenced the need to screen the construction area and the Welcome Center and will be providing contact information to provide that. After these comments, the motion to approve the Contract was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AMENDMENT #2

WITH FOXPE FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND PROJECT INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving Amendment #2 with FOXPE for construction contract administration and project inspection services related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Amendment which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Utilities Manager explained that this Amendment was in the amount of $627,000 and these additional engineering services are necessary for the successful completion of the Project. The City Manager said that this Amendment is for contract administration and project inspection services. After these comments, the motion to approve the Amendment was unanimously adopted.

Resolution Number 989, AN INITIAL BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($20,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY RELATED TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item C under New Business was Resolution Number 989, An Initial Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed twenty million and no/100 dollars ($20,000,000) general obligation bonds of the City related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The Finance Director explained that this Resolution approves the issuance of bonds up to $20,000,000 and the Initial Bond Resolution approval will begin the required twenty day comment period and that it is expected that approximately $10,000,000 will be issued before the end of this calendar year and the remainder in 2022. After these comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution Number 990, A FINAL BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $20,000,000 RELATED TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item D under New Business was Resolution Number 990, a Final Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $20,000,000 related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The Finance Director explained that this Resolution allows the City to issue the debt related to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project after the time requirement of the Initial Bond Resolution has been met. After these comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #4 TO THE WHALEY CONSTRUCTION, LLC CONTRACT RELATED TO THE MYNATT PARK ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item E under New Business was discussion and Consideration of approving Change Order #4 to the Whaley Construction, LLC Contract related to the Mynatt Park ADA Improvements Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Change Order which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager explained that this Change Order is in the amount of $199,832 of which $137,000 is associated with the Pickleball Courts approved in the 2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget and that $150,000 was budgeted for that Project and other costs in the Change Order include additional grading and asphalt for the parking lot construction. Commissioner DeSear asked why Whaley Construction had pulled construction crews to the Greystone Heights Sidewalk Replacement Project and if the contractor was on schedule to finish both Projects. The Recreation Director replied that Mynatt Park was on schedule and Colton Madison with Whaley Construction explained to the Commissioners that the Sidewalk Replacement Project was scheduled to be finished the week of October 25. After these comments, the motion to approve the Change Order was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOSE DESIGN RELATED TO THE PICKLEBALL COURTS PROJECT.

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration of Approving an Additional Services Agreement with Lose Design related to the Pickleball Courts Project. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager explained that this Agreement was for design fees associated with the Pickleball Courts at Mynatt Park. After these comments, the motion to approve the Agreement was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. RELATED TO THE MILLS PARK BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item G under New Business was discussion and Consideration of approving a Professional Services Agreement with Kimly-Horn and Associates, Inc. related to the Mills Park Basketball Court Improvements Project. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to approve the Agreement which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. Commissioner DeSear asked if asphalt was poured for the Mills Dog Park on October 18 and the Recreation Director replied that asphalt was poured on October 18 and fencing installation work began on October 19. Commissioner DeSear then asked when the Basketball Court would be completed and the Recreation Director said the project should be completed in early 2022.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A SINGLE BID FROM KDC IRRIGATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Item H under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Single Bid from KDC Irrigation Services related to the Golf Course Irrigation and Drainage Improvements Project. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Single Bid which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The Golf Course Professional explained that the single bid from KDC Irrigation Services is in the amount of $1,236,3798.50 and that the timeline for the project is to start at the beginning of 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2022. Vice Mayor McCown asked if this Project extends the sprinkler system to all 18 holes and the Golf Course Professional said it does. After these comments, the motion to approve the Single Bid was unanimously adopted.

Resolution Number 991, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS PROPERTY CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

Item I under New Business was Resolution Number 991, a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Public Entity Partners Property Conservation Matching Grant Program. Commissioner Reagan made the motion to adopt the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Finance Director explained that this is a Tennessee Municipal League grant and would be used for security cameras for the Parkway/McMahan and Aquarium Parking Garages and lighting for Mynatt Park and the Dog Park. The Finance Director also explained that the City anticipates receiving $5,000.00 in reimbursed funds from this Grant. After these comments, the motion to adopt the Resolution was unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Ryan DeSear

(1) Stated that Gatlinburg is fortunate to maintain its level of business through the COVID-19 Pandemic compared to other areas in the country, and;

(2) Asked Mark Adams the date for the Chili Cookoff and lighting of the Winterfest Lights, which Mr. Adams said would be on November 11.

Vice Mayor Mark McCown

(1) Stated that he wanted to congratulate Mayor Werner on concluding his term as President of the Tennessee Municipal League.

Mayor Mike Werner

(1) Stated that he wanted to offer his prayers to Dorothy Johnson who recently has been undergoing chemotherapy and also fell and broke her hip.

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

Mike Werner, Mayor

Cindy C. Ogle

Cindy Cameron Ogle, City Recorder

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