The Gatlinburg Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday April 16, 2019 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 March 19, 2019. Commissioner Don Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

Regarding Reports and Boards of Committees, Mayor Werner presented a Proclamation regarding the 2020 Census to Ms. Kim Smith. Ms. Smith stated that she wanted to thank the leaders of Gatlinburg for participating in getting the word out about the 2020 Census and stated the accurate counts were extremely important in order to receive Federal funding for the City and Sevier County.

Regarding Petitions and Communications from the Public, Mayor Werner recognized Ms. Dinah Bays who stated that she wanted to discuss ideas and thoughts regarding the housing crisis. Ms. Bays stated she was concerned that the use of the affordable housing was mostly centered on J1 housing and not our local workforce housing and she was concerned for local employees.

Regarding Reports of Boards and Committees was the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau First Quarter Report presentation by Mr. David Eslinger and Mr. Chad Netherland on behalf of President/CEO Mark Adams. Mr. Eslinger presented reports on the Sales, Finance, Events and Administration of the Gatlinburg Visitors and Convention Bureau and Chad Netherlands gave reports on the Marketing, Social Media and Public Relations for the First Quarter for the Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The City Manager reported and/or requested:

(1) that she would like to remind everyone of the Gatlinburg Community Oriented Police Program (G.C.O.P.P.) Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at Mynatt Park with lunch being served at noon; and,

(2) that she would like to announce that Earth Week is April 22, 2019 through April 26, 2019 and is sponsored by Hilton Garden Inn and the Gatlinburg Chamber Foundation; and,

(3) that she would like to announce that there will be a Spur Clean Up on April 23, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. starting at the Welcome Center and that local business are encouraged to bring teams to participate; and,

(4) that she would like to announce that on Friday April 26, 2019, there will be an Earth Day 5K Run/Walk - Night Race at 10:00 P. M. and that the start and finish line is

at traffic light #10 and registration will start at 8:00 P.M. and you can still register on Gatlinburg.com on the Earth Week page; and,

(5) that she would like to announce that Saturday, April 27, 2019 there will be a Mountain Man Memorial March at 9:00 A.M. starting at traffic light #3 and that this Race honors fallen service members and their Gold Star Families; and,

(6) that she would like to announce the Emergency Management Service Annual Golf Tournament is Friday, May 10, 2019, with lunch at noon and a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. and that this tournament is a Fundraiser that supports both the Police and Fire non-profit organizations; and,

(7) that she would like to announce the schedule for the 2019 Sparkle Days which will be as follows: May 6-10 will be for commercial pick up and May 13-17 will be for residential pick up. The Street Department will pick up free of charge items not normally included in garbage collection. Crews will not pick up debris from construction, remodeling and demolition projects, paint, or tires. For more information to call the Street Department at 865-430-1370.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN OFF-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER FOR DIANNE V. KNIPP, D/B/A PARK LIQUOR, 1235 EAST PARKWAY, SUITE #1.

Item A under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Off-Premise certificate of Good Moral Character for Dianne V. Knipp, D/B/A Park Liquor, 1235 East Parkway, Suite #1. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Certificate of Good Moral Character which was seconded by Commissioner Smith and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR DIANNE V. KNIPP, D/B/A PARK LIQUOR, 1235F EAST PARKWAY, SUITE #1.

Item B under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Certificate of Compliance for Dianne V. Knipp, D/B/A Park Liquor, 1235 East Parkway, Suite #1. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ON-PREMISE CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORARL CHARACTER FOR KIRBY SMITH, D/B/A GREENBRIAR RESTAURANT, 370 NEWMAN ROAD.

Item C under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an On-Premise Certificate of Good Moral Character for Kirby Smith, D/B/A Greenbriar Restaurant, 370 Newman Road. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Harper and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL SIGN FOR "BEAR CREEK INN" AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST PARKWAY AND SPRUCE LANE (REQUESTED BY MR. MIKEY PATEL).

Item D under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Business Directional Sign for "Bear Creek Inn" at the intersection of East Parkway and Spruce Lane (requested by Mikey Patel). Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commission Harper and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN ENGINERRING AGREEMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL CROSSWALK AT THE INTERSECTON OF HGHWAY 321 AND HIGHWAY 441 (TRAFFIC LIGHT #3).

Item E under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving an Engineering Agreement for an additional crosswalk at the intersection of Highway 321 and Highway 441 (traffic light #3). Commissioner DeSear made a motion to defer item E due to being recently advised of Tennessee Department of Transportation regulations impacting the Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH HOLM CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RENOVATIONS TO THE PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN THE CITY HALL COMPLEX.

Item F under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a contract with HOLM Construction for the renovations to the public restrooms in the City Hall Complex. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Harper. The City Manager then stated that the Architect for the project, Mr. Mike Smelcer was present and that the Project came about due to some settling in the floors of the restrooms and that the City discussed this with the Consultants working on the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) study and that information lead to the Renovation Project being increased to make the restrooms ADA compliant. Commissioner DeSear asked that if the City had a $100.00 per day damage if the Project was not completed on time to which Mr. Smelcer stated yes. The motion to approve the Contract with Holm Construction was then unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE HUMANA MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2019 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020.

Item G under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the renewal of the Humana Medical Insurance Plan for the period beginning June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the renewal of the

Humana Medical Insurance Plan which was seconded by Commissioner DeSear. The City Manager recognized Finance Director Robert Holt, Insurance Consultant Chris Fessenden, and Human Resources Manager Michele Diebold and stated that they have been working very diligently on the renewal of the City's Health Insurance. The Finance Director stated that it is the same Plan and Company as the previous year which was the best rate of the companies they sent out for bid. Mayor Werner stated concerns regarding the cost of the dependent coverage and asked City Staff to do a survey of employees to see who was interested in dependent coverage. After these comments, the motion to approve the Humana Medical Insurance Plan for the period beginning June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2019 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020.

Item H under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Insurance Plan for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 and the City Manager stated that there is no rate increase on the Dental Plan. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the renewal which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown and then unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH WHALEY CONSRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE STEPEHNS DRIVE OVER BASKINS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Item I under New Business was approving a Contract with whaley Construction, LLC, for the Stephens Drive over Baskins Creek Bridge Replacement Project. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve the Contract with Whaley Construction, LLC, for the Stephens Drive over Baskins Creek Bridge Replacement Project which was seconded by Commissioner Harper. The City Manager asked the Public Works Director to give an overview of the project and he stated the total cost was $280,000 and the City's portion would be approximately $30,000. After these comments, the Contract with Whaley Construction, LLC, for the Stephen Drive over Baskins Creek Bridge Replacement Project was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUYING EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE RECYCLING OF USED OIL AND ANTIFREEZE.

Item J under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Environmental and Conservation (TDEC) for the purpose of buying equipment necessary for the recycling of used oil and antifreeze. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation which was seconded by Vice Mayor

McCown. The City Manager asked the Service Center Manager to review the Grant and Mr. Poston stated that the Service Center currently had a 300 gallon plastic barrel for the oil and antifreeze and that TDEC now required a dual steel recycling system due to the proximity of a stream to the Service Center. The City Manager stated that the Grant fully funds the cost of the equipment. After these comments, the motion to approve the Grant Contract was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE 5311 RURAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Item K under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the 5311 Rural Transportation Operating Assistance Grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Grant which was seconded by Vice Mayor McCown. The City Manager commented that this is a longstanding grant that the City receives from TDOT for the Mass Transit System and is a very significant part of the revenue that comes into that Fund. After these comments, the 5311 Rural Transportation Operating Assistance Grant was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH GRAVITY NETWORKS FOR THE REWIRING OF THE CITY HALL COMPLEX INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT.

Item l under New Business was discussion and consideration of approving the Contract with Gravity Networks for the rewiring of the City Hall Complex Information Technology Project. Commissioner DeSear made a motion to approve the Contract with Gravity Networks for the rewiring of the City Hall Complex which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The City Manager asked the Finance Director to explain this Contract and Mr. Holt stated this was a Project that was in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and the Contract is to upgrade the wiring of the entire City Hall Complex. After these comments, the Contract with Gravity Networks was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING CERTAIN CITY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Item M under New Business was discussion and consideration of declaring certain City equipment and vehicles as surplus property. Vice Mayor McCown made a motion to approve which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion to approve declaring certain City vehicles and equipment as surplus was then unanimously adopted.

UNSCHEDULED ITEMS:

Commissioner Ryan DeSear:

(1) Commissioner DeSear stated that in regards to the Tanger Mall shooting incident that occurred this afternoon, he would like to highlight the need for constant public safety and he is thinking about all those who were involved in the incident.

Commissioner Hannah Helton Harper:

(1) Commissioner Harper wanted to echo Commissioner DeSear's statement regarding the City's safety and thank our current officials for the good job they do in our City; and,

(2) Commissioner Harper wanted to thank Mr. John Poston for the work on the recycled oil Grant and that this shows the City's commitment to recycling.

Mayor Mike Werner:

(1) Mayor Mike Werner reported that the Sevier County Electric System had been going through and cutting trees to protect their infrastructure and leaving the debris on the ground and that a meeting had been held with the Sevier County Electric System Officials to try and resolve this issue of the fallen trees.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, Mayor Werner 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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