

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF LOOKOUT
MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE**

November 14, 2017

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee met in regular session at the Town Hall on Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., the following being present:

[See list of attendees attached as Exhibit A hereto]

- 1. Call to order and Declaration of Quorum.** Mayor Mutter called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum for the conduct of business.
- 2. Approval of minutes.** Upon motion of Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously approved the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners were approved and ordered to be entered into the Town's minute book.
- 3. Financial Report,** Mr. Montague presented the financial report through the month of October, 2017. The report, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B hereto, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett and unanimous approval. He then turned matters over to the Town's auditor, Paul Johnson who led a discussion and review of the current audit report. He complimented the work and assistance of Mr. Montague and Ms. Van Astyne and the governance of the Commission in managing the finances of the Town, all of which resulted in a "clean audit."
- 4. Department Reports.** Commissioner Bentley reported for the Fire and Police Department and first reviewed the department statistics for the month of October, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D hereto. He also announced that the problems with parking along West Brow Road, especially in the area of Sunset Rock were getting more problematic.

5. Commissioner Pippenger reported for the Parks and Recreation Department and advised on the status of the renovation work at the Navarre Pavilion and the creation of an on-site recreation office in the upper level of the pavilion. She discussed the renovations at Rick Dockery Field, the higher participation in the wrestling program, the Pop-Up Shop scheduled for December, the BeeCity Festival scheduled for May 13 at the town Common.

6. Commissioner Stinnett reported for the Education Department by introducing school principal Ruth White who announced that the students had tested in the top 5% of student bodies in the state in all categories and received the highest rating in English, Math and Science. She introduced 5th grade student Catherine Lovingood, who led a discussion of several special projects completed by her class thus far in the school year, including wax museum figures of Abraham Lincoln, hoe dancing in the skating rink and construction of earthquake proof building based on a study of the San Francisco quake of 1906. December 7 & 8 will be the Holiday plays and Christmas vacation will begin December 19.

7. Commissioner Jones reported on the current jobs being undertaken by the Public Works Department and the status of readiness for winter weather.

8. Citizens Input. No one appeared to request comment.

9. Old Business. Mr. Smith introduced a discussion of the need to update the Town's air pollution ordinances in accord with the recent actions of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Board action and recommendations. After the discussion, upon motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimous approval the Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit E was approved upon second and final reading.

10. New Business. Susan Feuhrer, owner of property at 108 S Watauga Lane appeared in support of her request that the Commission grant a variance to the zoning ordinance to allow construction of an attached garage to the south side of the existing residence to come within 6.5

feet of the south property line. She presented consent letters from affected owners and Chief Bowden stated that there would be no safety concerns caused by such construction. Upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett and unanimous approval the Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit F was passed upon first reading.

Matt Huffy, as a representative of GST, appeared to request that the Commission approve a twelve month extension of its option to lease Town property for the purpose of constructing a cell phone tower. The current option expires by its terms on December 1, 2017. He stated that at present his company has not entered into any contracts with providers to occupy the tower and cannot do so unless the option stays in force. Commissioner Bentley stated his opposition to the extension. Commissioners Pippenger, Stinnett and Jones stated their preference to consider the matter at the December meeting. After considerable discussion, upon motion of Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimous approval it was agreed to grant a one month extension of the option. The request will be addressed at the December 12 meeting. until December 31, 2017 for the payment of \$1.00, in accord with the amendment attached as Exhibit G hereto.

11. Mayor's Report. Mayor Mutter reported that the annual employee Christmas Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Lookout Mountain Golf Club at 7:00 a.m. She encouraged shopping on the mountain for the holidays to support our local merchants.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until the December 12, 2017 regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.

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