MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, JULY 14 2008, 5:30 P.M. CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

Mayor Whaley opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

Mayor Whaley opened the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed rezoning of parcel 49.03 of tax map 93 (located at Southwest corner of the intersections of Waldens Creek and Old Valley Road) owned by Lynn and Peggy Cole from R-2 (High Density Residential) to C-2 (Tourist Commercial).

Lynn and Peggy Cole were in attendance stating they were for the rezoning.

There be no further comments received, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Reagan.

The authorization for the payment of bills was unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Commissioner Reagan.

Ordinance No. 866 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning a portion of parcel 49.03 of tax map 93 (located at southwest corner of the intersections of Waldens Creek and Old Valley Road) owned by Lynn and Peggy Cole, from R-2 (High Density Residential) to C-2 (Tourist Commercial) was presented for the second reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Resolution No. 749 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant Program was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved as presented.

Approval of bid on annual refurbishing of gym floors and two racquetball courts for community center was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks recommended Finchum Sports Floors as low bidder in the amount of \$5,500. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of bid for traffic sign materials for fiscal year 2008 – 2009 was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that he received bids from Rocal, G & C Supply, Hall Signs, and Vulcan and that he recommended purchasing items based on lowest bidder of each item. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of bid for construction of municipal parking lot on Thomas Farm was presented for approval. Melissa Ziegler from Wilbur Smith stated that two bids were received and the lowest bidder was Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. at a cost of \$6,432,537.10. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the low bid as presented.

Approval of proposal for construction engineering inspection services for municipal parking lot was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that this agreement would allow engineering firm to be onsite and deal with the construction of parking lot. She noted that Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc. submitted the lowest proposal at a cost of \$60,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Consideration of request from BS&J Enterprises for sewer hook-up for the Charlie Blalock Campground to be located on Waldens Creek Road was presented for approval. Doug Unger was present for questions and stated that this was for 156 campsites. Vice Mayor McClure asked about phasing the project in. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to defer request until a future meeting to plan phasing.

Consideration of request to connect Cove Creek RV Resort to the county owned water line was presented for approval. Project Manager Ronnie Lane stated that this was for 156 site campground. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Appointment to Wellness Committee was presented for approval. The following employees were recommended by department heads for their department: Sanitation – Mike Clabo, Trolley – Bonita Clabo, Water – Jim Kritikson, Library – Kathy Parker, Police – Charles Powers, Fleet – Brian Branton, Maintenance – Mike Weddington, and Special Events – Jenean Terry. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the appointments as presented.

Discussion and action to fill City Commission vacancy was presented. Mayor Whaley asked City Attorney Gass to speak on procedures necessary to fill vacant council position after the passing of Commissioner Howard Sexton. City Attorney Gass stated that the remaining commissioners would need to appoint someone to fill the vacant position where the individual would serve the unexpired term or until the next election, whichever came first. He stated that it had been customary to offer the position to the spouse of the deceased commissioner. City Manager Teaster then noted that she had asked Sue Sexton if she would be interested in filling the position if offered to her and she stated that she would. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to appoint Sue Sexton to fill the vacant position until the next election.

Manager's report included the following:

- 1. There will be a planning commission meeting July 22, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall.
- 2. The annual volunteer luncheon will be held on July 24, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Norma Dan Motel.
- 3. There will be a Beer Board meeting on July 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Works conference room.

After general comments, and Public Works Director Miller offering a closing prayer, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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ATTEST:	CITY RECORDER			