

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Vice Mayor McClure called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Mayor Wear was absent.

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

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Whaley and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

Vice Mayor McClure asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1157 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcels 1.00 and 4.00 of Sevier County tax map 095P group B located on the Parkway from C-1 (general commercial) district, C-2 (tourist commercial) district and C-6 (mixed-use commercial) district to C-7 (planned unit/public use development) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented and stated that this zone required a minimum of 20 acres. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 2024-1158 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel 25.00 of Sevier County tax map 93 located on Waldens Creek Road from the R-1 (low density residential) district, to R-2 (high density residential) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 2024-935 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in a joint application with Sevier County Government for a TDOT grant to complete a planning study for the Wears Valley Road (SR-73) corridor was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with Go Outdoors Smoky Mountains LLC for “friendly condemnation” of 1.5 acres of R.O.W for the Westside Connector road project was presented for approval. City Attorney Rowell presented. It was noted that the set price was in the amount of \$650,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from LDA Engineering to complete an Asset Management Plan for the city’s water and sewer infrastructure was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that the assessment was in the amount of \$100,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase bear resistant carts for the sanitation department from Stringfellow utilizing the Sourcewell Contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$46,951.24. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to authorize the city manager to execute an amendment with D&S Construction for the construction of the public safety buildings and setting the guaranteed maximum price for the new fire station number one was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. It was noted that amendment # 2 to set the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) regarding site work, drainage, utilities, and paving for the fire station was presented at \$1,169,859. In addition, amendment # 3 for fire station GMP was presented at a cost of \$12,767,190. Lastly, amendment # 4 for fire station special operations building GMP was presented at a cost of \$2,532,001 bringing first four amendments to \$19,569,116. This GMP includes contingency and construction manager’s fee. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the amendments as presented.

Discussion and consideration of fiber installation for the IT department from Avero Infrastructure utilizing the Alcoa/Maryville/Blount County MACNet fiber contract was presented for approval. IT Analyst Oakley presented and recommended the

installation in the amount of \$38,738.70. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a grant from the State of Tennessee for the fire department to purchase rescue equipment was presented for approval. Deputy Fire Chief Powers presented and noted that if approved, the grant would be used to purchase a spreader/cutter tool combination tool to be used for vehicle extrication on the rescue truck. It was noted that no local match would be required. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to allow Veolia to bid an unbudgeted item (sludge membrane thickener) for the wastewater treatment plant was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that the cost of installation was not budgeted in the current budget year. However, after working with the membrane supplier, it was determined that the installation scope will require a general contractor due to the additional pipe fitting and concrete anchor mounting requirements that are more involved than what was previously anticipated. The budgetary cost is \$128,500. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance Numbers 2024-1157 and 2024-1158 at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 in the city council room at city hall.

Vice Mayor McClure asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER