

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Mayor Wear and Commissioner Whaley were 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 Ogle and second to motion by Commissioner Watts.

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

Mika Race of 362 Ogle Drive was in attendance and expressed to commission that it matters if one does right or wrong.

No other comments were received.

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

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Discussion and consideration to sell city vehicles, equipment, and other items on GOV Deals was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that the Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge Airport is possibly interested in one of the vehicles and City Attorney Rowell is checking to see if one of the surplus vehicles can be donated to them if the commission is in favor. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to sell the vehicles as presented with one being donated to Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge Airport pending recommendation by City Attorney Rowell.

Discussion and consideration to cancel with Lifeworks for the employee assistance program (EAP) services and enter into a contract with Curalinc was presented

for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated that a 90-day notice would be sent regarding the change. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Hurst Excavating LLC for the Duggan Street sewer line installation for the utility department was presented for approval. Cory Newman with LDA Engineering presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$674,775. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase salt for the street department from Cargill Incorporated utilizing the state bid was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the state bid in the amount of \$115.27. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for street striping from Volunteer Highway for the street department due to no response from low bidder was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and noted that the department has been unable to get a response from Highway Markings, Inc. and recommended accepting next lowest bidder. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase dumpsters for the sanitation department from Fleet Genius of North Carolina utilizing the 2023 bid price was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and it was noted that the city would utilize the bid option to extend purchasing another year as vendor agreed to hold prices. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase Winterfest bulbs for the street department from Holidynamics was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the installation of the traffic signal upgrades located on the parkway for the street department from Stansell Electric Company was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended signal upgrades at Conner Heights, Red Roof, Community Center, and Christmas Tree Lane at a total cost of \$1,027,113.86. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of change order # 2 with Charles Blalock and Sons for the construction of the greenway from Patriot Park to Dollywood Lane was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended 1)

erosion control blanketing for steep slope areas at a cost of \$3,150; 2) additional seeding without mulch that will go under the blanketing for \$718.95; and 3) increase days by 70 due to bad weather delays caused by utility installations. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration from Gresham Smith for additional CEI services for the greenway from Patriot Park to Dollywood Lane was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the additional 70 days for CEI in the amount of \$40,400. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase 2023 Ford F-150 (single cab) for the parks and recreation department from Ted Russell Ford and to utilize the state contract to purchase a 2023 F-150 4x4 super crew from Lonnie Cobb Ford was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended 1) withdraw the purchase order from Ford of Murfreesboro; 2) purchase of low bid truck from Ted Russell Ford in the amount of \$35,989; and 3) purchase a 2023 F-150 super crew 4x4 from Lonnie Cobb Ford at a cost of \$46,600. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for casework at the community center from Courtland Woodworks, Inc. was presented for approval. Community Center Manager Cave presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$78,500. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant SCADA System with Veolia purchasing the equipment through their national pricing agreements and MR Systems providing integration services and licenses was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$71,504.86. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a pump replacement for the Middle Creek lift station from Water and Waste Equipment was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$63,500. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, 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.
4. Helen Shular has had a large water leak. City Manager Teaster stated that \$2900 has been adjusted off and asking if the remaining \$2,402.30 can be adjusted due to the leak. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to adjust the water bill as requested.

Vice Mayor McClure asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER