

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

James Overstreet stated he wanted to know where the money was for the schools. He stated he did like the Veterans' Parade but was disappointed that there was no City car represented. Finally he noted that the rod runs are out of hand.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the bills as presented. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ordinance No. 958 to amend the number of members of the Pigeon Forge Beer Board and to amend section 8-203 of the Pigeon Forge Beer Ordinance was presented on the first reading. City Attorney Gass stated that it was often difficult to get a quorum for meetings. He further noted that zones in the City have been created that are not impacted by the current beer ordinance. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of a mutual release and settlement agreement with Darby Campbell, Bob McManus and Holt Gallery, LLC to relocate a billboard from 1478 Wears Valley Road to Easy Stop 2015 Parkway was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented. Commissioner Reagan questioned the square footage of the billboard. Commissioner Robinson

stated that he was not for setting a new pole. City Attorney Gass stated that commissioners could make their vote contingent upon checking the square footage if they wanted. On motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the agreement contingent upon no problems with square footage. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration to abandon a City Street known as Tammy King Boulevard was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. Commissioner Robinson asked about the noise. Community Development Director Taylor stated that it would be reviewed at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to abandon the street as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote. Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration to reject a proposal for ATM services at the LeConte Center and request new proposals was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated only one bid had been received and he would like to rebid. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to reject the bid and rebid.

Discussion and consideration to purchase membranes and equipment for the wastewater treatment plant from Environmental Dynamics was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and stated that he recommended purchasing from the VWNA national purchasing agreement at a cost of \$4,302.60. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase EQ basin level control equipment for the wastewater treatment plant from Landon Electric was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented. Commissioner Robinson asked if any of this could wait. Mr. Cross stated that all requests are environmental or safety related. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a 5311 Rural Transportation Grant for design work and architectural plans for the new trolley center building was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine presented and stated that the grant would be \$528,000 funded by federal and stated dollars and \$58,667 funded by local match. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to reimburse Barker Industries for the tree clearing on the City's 50 acre property in the amount of \$25,542.13 was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for out of fund balance. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated that the cost was greater than expected. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a full sized SUV for the Fire Department from McNelly Whaley Ford was presented for approval. The amount will be paid for out of the Fire Departments current fiscal year budget. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the low bid from McNelly Whaley Ford at a cost of \$32,485.50. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins,

second by Commissioner Robinson, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration to accept the 2013 SAFER Grant from the Department of Homeland Security for the Fire Department for a volunteer recruitment and retention program was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that the grant award is in the amount of \$226,652. This grant requires no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was approved to accept the grant as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a ditch box from ICM for the Utility Department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that only one bid had been received from ICM and he recommended the purchase with a bid in the amount of \$6,180. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase tires for City vehicles from Goforth Tire was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that Goforth was the low bidder on 29 out of 52 tires bid and he recommended awarding the bid to them. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase oil, grease and lubricant from Greenville Oil Company for Fleet Maintenance was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that Greenville Oil Company was the low bidder on 6 out of 10 and their equipment was already installed. The other bidder would have to replace all equipment at a cost over \$3,000. Therefore, it was recommended to award by to Greenville Oil Company. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase parts from Fisher Auto Parts for Fleet Maintenance was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that Fisher Auto Parts was the low bidder on almost all parts bid and therefore it was recommended to award bid to Fisher Auto Parts. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase 6 mini-split heat pumps from Johnstone Supply for the Water Plant was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that he recommended the low bid from Johnstone Supply in the amount of \$12,545.98. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a mid-size sedan from McNelly Whaley Ford for the Community Development Department was presented for approval. The amount will be paid for out of the current fiscal year budget. Community Development Director Taylor presented and stated that the low bid was from Sam Swope Auto Group in Memphis Tennessee at a cost of \$17,306.80. He recommended McNelly Whaley in Sevierville as the second lowest bidder at a cost

of \$17,359.80 or \$53 more than the low bid. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as recommended.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 15 passenger van from McNelly Whaley Ford for the Parks and Recreation Department was presented for approval. The amount will be paid for out of the Department's current fiscal year budget. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks presented and stated that two bids had been received and the low bid was from Ted Russell in Knoxville at a cost of \$23,916. He recommended the bid from McNelly Whaley Ford at a cost of \$23,992.60 or a difference of \$76.60. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as recommended.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a crew cab pickup from Rocky Top Chrysler Jeep Dodge for the Building Maintenance Department was presented for approval. The amount will be paid for out of the Department's current fiscal year budget. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks presented and recommended the low bid that could be delivered within the current fiscal year from Rocky Top Chrysler Jeep Dodge at a cost of \$21,402. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate 314 books to the Friends of the Pigeon Forge Public Library was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that this was done periodically throughout the year for items that have been deleted from the system due to being out of date, lack of circulation, and/or no longer appropriate for the collection. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on April 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall.
2. A beer board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday April 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at City Hall.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance No. 957 on May 13, 2013 at the regularly scheduled council meeting.
4. There will be a ribbon cutting at Cheddars Restaurant on April 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
5. There will be a ground breaking event for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
6. The annual Dolly Parade will be on May 10, 2013.
7. Martin Cross with Veolia has an issue with one of the two pumps at the lift station on Jayell Road. He would like the Board to take action since there will be a four week deliver time. The cost is \$8,115. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by

Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked everyone for hard work on the Veterans' Parade. He thanked the departments for saving money in their budget over the year. He also thanked his son for attending the meeting.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER