

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 2009, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

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

An update was given from the Assistant Park Superintendent Kevin Fitzgerald on the status of the 75th anniversary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Approval of sixty-eight (68) Glock pistols as replacements for police department per current budget was presented for approval. Sergeant Shane Rector stated that these pistols would be purchased from Craig's Firearms who is the only Glock authorized law enforcement distributor in Tennessee. The purchase price is \$469 each for 68 pistols for a total of \$31,892. The trade in value is \$300 each for 72 pistols for a total of \$21,600. The final cost will be \$10,292. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of purchase of fifteen (15) mobile radios and twenty-eight (28) portable radios for police department using State Contract No. 420 was presented for approval. Sergeant Shane Rector stated that the mobile radios would be purchased from Motorola at a cost of \$2,991.50 each and the portable radios would be purchased from Motorola at a cost of \$2,777.00 for a total of \$122,628.50. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of gift in the amount of \$10,075 to Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park for use in the parks 75th anniversary program was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of agreement with S&ME to conduct additional natural resource data for proposed widening of Waldens Creek Road inside City limits was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that the cultural resources work would be done at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and the natural resource evaluation work would be done at a cost not to

exceed \$9,000. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of professional services agreement with Wilbur Smith Associates to do conceptual plan, etc. on Waldens Creek Road from bridge to primary school was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained and stated that the cost would not exceed \$30,000 without prior authorization. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of request and recommendation from SSR, Inc. to perform additional work to water digester was presented for approval. Martin Cross stated that Merit is proposing to remove the accumulated sludge in the attic space of the digester safely by cutting 24 additional holes in the roof cover at a cost of \$6,800; removing one additional foot of sludge at a cost of \$3,480; and receive credit for sludge hauled to Tidi Waste in the amount of \$(1,601.79) for a total of \$8,678.21. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of replacement of radio repeater on Pine Mountain and installation of new repeater on Bluff Mountain was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine stated that the items would be purchased by Motorola. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Purchase of two (2) radios for new trolleys and two (2) for existing trolleys with grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine stated that the items would be purchased from Motorola. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a public hearing on ordinance number 885 and 886 at the regularly scheduled council meeting on February 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. The Pigeon Forge Lodging Association will meet on Thursday February 12, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn for the State of City address.
3. The flood ordinance for the City just came in and will be advertised for public comment.
4. There will be a public notice regarding the City hazard mitigation plan that is available for review.
5. Approval is needed for the Waldens Creek Road Project mapping to comply with the deadline for the stimulus projects. This will be handled by Wilbur Smith with \$2,800 for ground control; \$2,000 for the flight; and \$1,700 for mapping for a total cost of \$6,500. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by

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

After general comments, and Tony Watson offering a closing prayer, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER