

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10 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, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, members of the press and interested citizens. Commissioner Sexton and Commissioner Reagan were absent.

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

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure 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 Vice Mayor McClure.

Resolution No. 743 to authorize the application of the 2008 Federally Funded Home Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for housing rehabilitation of low income households was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Resolution No. 744 to authorize the publication of notice regarding delinquent taxes, penalties and interest for the year 2006 was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Resolution No. 745 to call a public hearing to determine whether certain lands located along Little Valley Road, owned by Tony Lee Rast, should be annexed into the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins and with all voting "aye" the motion was denied.

Ordinance No. 860 to amend Section 330.17 ("Definitions – Wall Sign") of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the first reading. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure and all voting "aye" the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 861 to annex certain property located along Little Valley Road into the corporate limits of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Said property being owned by Tony Lee Rast was presented on the first reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure,

second by Commissioner Brackins and all voting “aye” the ordinance was denied on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 862 to amend the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code, Chapter 7, entitled “Amusement Tax” by deleting Section 5-706 for exemptions in its entirety was presented on the first reading. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure and with all voting “aye” the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Approval of the engineering agreement with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc. for preparation of Pigeon Forge Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan was presented for approval. The study will cost \$54,500 for all work except the telephone survey which is at a cost of \$13,200 for a total of \$67,700. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of engineering agreement with Wilbur Smith Associates for final design of McCarter Road Improvements Project was presented for approval. Terry Grubb stated that contract was in the amount of \$269,000. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins with provision that Dollywood and City of Pigeon Forge will each pay fifty percent of all costs, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept agreement with provision noted.

Consideration of approval of maintenance agreement by Pigeon Investments, LLC and City of Pigeon Forge for waterlines in Willow Creek Subdivision was presented for approval. Lines within the development have been inspected and approved by inspector. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Approval of agreement with Osmose to conduct study to inspect and evaluate parkway median light poles was presented for approval. The study will include 46 poles on the parkway at a cost of \$4,500. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval and acceptance of settlement with Comcast Cable Company and Charter Communications Cable Company as a result of recent audit performed at request of the City. The settlement with Comcast for past franchise fees was \$776.74 and the settlement with Charter for past franchise fees was \$16,701 of which the city will pay half of settlement to Telecommunications Consulting Associates for audit fee. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept settlement as presented.

Approval of request from Pigeon Forge Public Library to donate outdated materials (books and VHS tapes) to the Friends of Pigeon Forge Public Library was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of purchase of radios and console items from Motorola (compatible system) for police department per current budget was presented for approval. The total cost is \$108,765 of which part of the funds will come from grant proceeds. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid on uniforms for trolley department per current budget was presented for approval. It is the recommendation of the trolley department to go with low bidder Whole Armor Uniforms. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid on trolley shelter signs per current budget was presented for approval. It is the recommendation of the trolley department to use low bid from Some Guy That Makes Stuff at a cost of \$450 each for 52 signs at a total cost of \$23,400. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of bid on trolley stop signs per current budget was presented for approval. It is the recommendation of the trolley department to use Hall Signs, Inc. as the low bidder at a cost of \$15.66 each for 350 signs at a total cost of \$5,481. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of bid on installation of solar power for three (3) trolley shelters and electric power for six (6) trolley shelters as part of ITS program per current budget was presented for approval. It is the recommendation of the trolley department to use Advent Electric as the lowest bidder at a cost of \$30,622. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. A planning commission meeting will be held March 25, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.
2. A beer board meeting will be held on March 19, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the council room.
3. Ordinance No. 860 will be read on second reading during first meeting in April 2008.
4. City Manager Teaster stated that for the Home Grant Resolution, the City had to recommend an engineering firm. It would be her recommendation to use Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

5. The next regularly schedule meeting will be March 24, 2008.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER