

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 8 2009, 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, Commissioner Robinson, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens. Commissioner Wear was 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.

Ordinance No. 892 to amend Section 409.1 (re: Adding "Surveyor" to list that can prepare a site plan) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor stated that this had been accepted and approved by the Planning Commission. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 893 to amend **Ordinance No. 869** annual appropriations for fiscal year 2008 – 2009 was presented for the first reading. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 894 to make and fix the annual appropriations for the several departments of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010 was presented for the first reading. City Manager Teaster discussed the ordinance and summarized the various departments noting that it was a very difficult year and the budget had decreased several percent from the one adopted in the prior year. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 760 for a referendum on the levy of an additional local option sales and use tax and directing the revenues therefrom was presented for approval. Commissioner Robinson stated he would like to know if the TDZ portion of the sales tax was removed how much the school board would receive of the .25%. He noted that he was opposed to the resolution because it was represented to the voters that the full .25% tax would go to the school system and that it would avoid raising property taxes. Further, the resolution had the possibility of most of the tax monies going to Pigeon Forge City instead of the school system.

On a motion by Commissioner Brackins to approve with stipulation that this resolution will be reviewed on an annual basis, second by Vice Mayor McClure, the resolution was approved. Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Consideration of request from Marty Loveday, representing Fox Family, for City to adopt Charlottes Court of the James Lee Fox Farm as a City Street was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, 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 budget work session at 4:30 p.m. on June 15, 2009 in Meeting Room A of City Hall Complex.
2. There will be a planning commission meeting on June 23, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall.
3. FEMA will be doing a Community Assistance Visit June 24, 2009 through June 26, 2009.
4. There will be a press conference on June 12, 2009 in the council room to announce a partnership for the 4th of July.
5. The City has applied for a \$26,000 grant for the police department. Police Chief Baldwin stated that the grant is for a license plate reader. He stated that he was required to publicly announce that the department was applying for the grant. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the floor.

Lorraine Cartwright asked the City to consider allowing sales of beer on patios.

After general comments, and Tony Watson offering a closing prayer, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER