

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 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, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Sexton, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

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 Reagan.

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

Ordinance No. 875 to close a section of right of way of Lower Middle Creek Road and accept access easement to existing sewer pump station was presented on the second reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure to approve ordinance contingent on road improvements being made, second by Commissioner Reagan and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Approval of uniform bid for police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin recommended accepting bid from Whole Armor Uniforms. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Approval of salt quotes for street department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that due to shortage of salt nationally, no quotes had been given by vendors. He stated that the city's salt bins were currently full and he did not expect problems by not being able to get salt for the city at this time. No action was taken.

Approval of bid for duty gear for fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson recommended CMS Uniforms & Equipment. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Approval of pickup truck for fire department per state bid was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson recommended Alexander Automotive at a cost of \$20,731.

On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Approval of bid for protective firefighting turn-out gear for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson recommended Tennessee Fire Equipment & Supply at a cost of \$15,325.28 for eight sets of gear. The cost per coat is \$1,144.99 and the cost per pair of pants is \$770.67. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of fiscal year 2008-2009 Section 5311 Rural Transportation Grant was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo stated that this grant would include \$374,438 of federal and state dollars and \$54,642 in local dollars for a total of \$429,080. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Approval of State Operating Grant between the City and the Department of Transportation for current year was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo stated that this grant has been received annually in the past and is used to help offset the operational costs within the transportation system. The grant for this year is in the amount of \$266,912. On motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Approval of bid for boiler at city hall was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks recommended the low bid from Precision Boiler Repair & Welding, Inc. at a cost of \$9,016.36. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval to reject bid of janitorial and paper supplies for building maintenance was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that he would like to reject all bids and rebid asking for six month pricing. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to reject all bids and rebid supplies.

Consideration of agreement to acquire fill dirt from Titanic Tennessee, LLC was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass stated that the agreement would allow the City to obtain dirt that it needs for the surface parking area currently under construction. Gass further stated that with council approval, he would draft an agreement between the City of Pigeon Forge and Titanic Tennessee, LLC for the mayor to sign. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of Change Order No. 1 for surface parking lot with existing contractor to haul up to 33,000 cubic yards of fill material at a total price not to exceed \$87,000 was presented for approval. Terry Grubb with Wilbur Smith stated this was a reasonable option due to the price and availability of the dirt. 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 reported by City Recorder Clabo:

1. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on September 23, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room.
2. At the regularly scheduled council meeting on October 13, 2008, a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 873 and 874.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the floor.

After general comments, and Public Works Director Miller offering a closing prayer, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER