

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Ogle led in the pledge of allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Discussion and consideration of the 2014 Spring/Summer Media Plan for the Department of Tourism was presented for approval. David Bohan and Ben Hale with Bohan were in attendance to discuss. Mr. Bohan stated that this had been unanimously approved by the Tourism Advisory Board. Mr. Hale gave a brief overview of the media plan by discussing the campaign that would be occurring in different markets. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an addendum to the USDM scope of work for an interim co-op program for the Department of Tourism was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey stated that the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development awarded the City \$94,000. The program will be a one-to-one match which will be used in conjunction with the "Pigeon Forge Spring Break" online marketing campaign. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate Fire Department equipment to Dollywood was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson stated that the equipment had been removed from service due to age, non-compliant equipment, etc. and is requested to be used for props in the FireChaser Express Merchandise Store. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a 3-dimensional interactive wildland fire simulator and fitness equipment through the Assistance to Firefighters Gant program for the Fire Department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the sole bid from SimTable at a cost of \$24,975. This requires a 5% local match. He stated that the fitness equipment would be presented at a future meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was approved to accept the bid as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a prisoner transport vehicle from Supreme Armored for the Police Department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and recommended the low bid from Supreme Armored Inc. at a cost of \$72,053. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase ballistic vests from Kay's Uniform for the Police Department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$995.00 per vest. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of quote for repairs to the Mack Sludge Truck for the Wastewater Plant was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and stated that the repairs would be in the amount of \$9,363.18. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute closing documents for the sale of City Property adjacent to the Teaster Lane City Parking lot in the amount of \$175,000 to LeConte Village LLC was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated that there was a hashed area on the map that may be requested by buyer to accommodate for a better parking layout. This area is approximately .10 acre. The \$175,000 would be floor bid but could increase depending on extra .10 acre. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was approved to authorize City Manager to proceed as requested. Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Discussion and consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute closing documents for the sale of the City's former Tourism offices located at 2450 Parkway in the amount of \$1,200,000 to the Incredible Christmas Place was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. Commissioner Ogle stated he would like stipulation that buyer would use property for revenue generation. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to authorize City Manager to proceed as requested with stipulation. Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a process control integrator for the Water Plant from MR Systems was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended low bid in the amount of \$81,626. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday January 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
2. City offices will be closed January 20, 2014 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
3. Would like to have a work session in the next week or so to discuss some items.

City Attorney Gass discussed an indemnity agreement with Pigeon Falls, LLC, Barker Industries, LLC, Thurman W. Barker, and BBR, LLC. The agreement states that the City may not remove earth or fill material from Lot 6 owned by BBR, LLC but it is intended to utilize dirt on the lot so a revised agreement is needed to allow the City to access and remove earth in accordance with contour map. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to revise agreement as requested. Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear congratulated the LeConte Center staff for obtaining green certification.

Mayor Wear noted that the new travel planners are out.

Mayor Wear thanked the Public Works Department and Police Department during the recent bad weather.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER