

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9 2012, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Brackins. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

James Overstreet stated that he was in favor of things such as fire trucks, police officers, and raises. However, he does not appreciate money being spent on baseball fields and tennis courts.

No further comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the bills as noted. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Discussion and consideration to purchase networking and pc equipment for fire station number 2 from Insight Public Sector via the U.S. Communities contract was presented for approval. Information Technology Director Ogle presented stated that the cost would be in the amount of \$21,720.53. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration to purchase phone equipment for fire station number 2 from Advanced Communications Inc. per GSA contract was presented for approval. Information Technology Director Ogle recommended based on a cost of \$9,050.18. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the contract as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with Mike Wilds for consulting services for the city's events center was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for out of fund balance. Prior to consideration, Mayor Wear asked to defer agreement to a work session for further discussion. Having no objections from council, the agreement was deferred to an upcoming work session.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Gresham Smith and Partners for engineering services for water and sewer service along the new Jake Thomas Rd. and Pigeon Falls Lane was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for out of fund balance or a future bond issue. Commissioner Robinson stated this was asking to make a commitment without knowing consequences. He asked if anyone knew what this would do to property taxes or water bills. It was noted that the contract price was in the amount of \$39,000. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the contract as presented. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon for design of the greenway was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for out of fund balance or a future bond issue. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated the contract would be in the amount of \$158,650. Commissioner Robinson expressed the same concern as with previous agenda item. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the contract as presented. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration to allow the Shades of the Past car show to utilize the City's parking lot for their 2012 show for registered participant to park their car haulers and trailers in designated area was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated this had come at the request of Dan Draper. Commissioner Reagan asked if there had been any reported damage to the parking lot in the past. It was noted that there had not been damages noted. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase an ice machine for fire station number 2 from John's Mechanical was presented for approval. Fire Inspector Price stated that he recommended the low quote for John's Mechanical, LLC at a cost of \$3,484. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 700 Mhz radio for the fire department per state contract was presented for approval. Fire Inspector Price noted that the cost per unit would be \$3,396 for 3 units for a total of \$10,188 and the radios would be used for interoperability of the fire department and police department. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with CDM Smith for Phase 1 Riverwalk Entrance Road and Parkway Improvements, roadway design and traffic signal improvements was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for out of fund balance or a future bond issue. Bob Bowers with CDM Smith stated that proposal was in the amount of \$79,400. Commissioner Robinson stated this was asking to make a commitment without knowing consequences. He asked if anyone knew what this would do to property taxes or water bills. Commissioner Robinson further asked if this would be part of the \$5 million that had been committed for the project. It was noted that it would be part of the total. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the contract as presented. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Manager's report included the following:

1. Wilderness Wildlife Week started last Saturday.
2. There will be an Industrial Development Board meeting on Friday January 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the council room of city hall.
3. There will be a groundbreaking for the new city park on Thursday January 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. on site.
4. There will be a prebid meeting at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow for the traffic signal at Music Road.
5. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday January 24, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
6. There will be a reuse prebid meeting on Thursday January 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.
7. The deadline for proposals on easements for the Dry Fork Interceptor project is Friday January 13, 2012.
8. Would like to have a work session on January 17th or 18th to discuss this years audit.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear stated he was proud of the recent positive press on the City.

Commissioner Reagan asked about the speed bump on the Parkway. Public Works Director Miller stated that the Sevier County Utility District will fix.

Commissioner Reagan stated he would like to do something to address the issue with the cones on Wears Valley Road.

Commissioner Robinson stated he would like to have the bond advisors at the next work session.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER