

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23 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.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

James Overstreet stated that there was a good article in paper regarding new fire station. He also asked about the city donating money to the school to help with a project. Mayor Wear stated it would be hard to answer the question without knowing of the project.

Leland Wykoff spoke of Ordinance No. 937 and asked how this would be considered for a C-7 zone without having a C-7 zone. In addition, he mentioned signs with a one second delay using red and blue colors and how it appears to be police cars.

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. Commissioner Robinson asked why bill for Toll Free Fulfillment is still being paid.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 937** to amend section 12-404(1) of the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code as it relates to flashing signs was presented for the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor discussed the signage. Commissioner Robinson stated he did not think it was fair to give signage before a zone is created and how is it fair to give extra signage to a C-7 district. City Attorney Gass said that if approved on the first reading, the second reading could be delayed until after the vote for the proposed C-7 is presented. On a motion by Vice

Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration to donate lighting from the current city park to the Sevier County Board of Education to light the soccer field at Pigeon Forge High School was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that the city would be donating 14 wooden poles and 37 fixtures that are located on the tennis courts and fields 4 and 5 and also 3 scoreboards to the Pigeon Forge High School for the soccer/football field. The school will be responsible for the removal of the poles and lights and their reinstallation at the high school. Further, the school will be required to sign a release holding the City of Pigeon Forge harmless for injury or damage occurring from the removal, transportation, installation, and use of these lights and poles. 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 living room furniture from Smoky's Furniture for Fire Station # 2 was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended 2 recliners and 2 sofas at a total cost of \$2,558. 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 bedding furniture from Volunteer Blind Industries for Fire Station # 2 was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson stated the purchase would be made from state contract GS-07F73180. The price breakdown is as follows: 1) (7) mattresses, 38x80 at a total cost of \$973; 2) (7) foundations, 38x80 at a total cost of \$658; and 3) (7) twin frames for a total cost of \$203 for a grand total of \$1,834. 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 consulting agreement with Mike Wilds for his services related to the events center was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted. It was noted that the contract would be from February 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 at a cost of \$10,000 per month. Commissioner Robinson stated he believes Mike Wilds is the person for the job. However, he wished this money had been in the budget. 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 of an agreement with S&ME for permitting support services for the former Jake Thomas Farm area was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted. Assistant City Manager Brackins stated that this contract was not to exceed \$4,000. 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 did not vote.

Discussion and consideration to fund the labor for the installation of the wireless networking equipment for Fire Station # 2 was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson stated that per IT Director Ogle, it is recommended to use LSoft, LLC at an estimated cost of \$900 for 12 hours of labor and \$75 for materials for a total of \$975. 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.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday January 24, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. The beer board meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 25, 2012 has been cancelled due to no pending applications.
3. Portions of Library Drive will be closed for wastewater line work being done.
4. Robin Turner would like to use the City bear logo on the balloon of his new attraction. It was noted that the trademark agreement would be subject to trademark attorney approval. 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 scheduled council meeting will be February 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
6. Would like to have a work session to discuss the annual audit at 4:00 p.m. Thursday February 2, 2012.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Vice Mayor McClure thanked everyone for coming to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new city park. Commissioner Brackins stated the same.

Commissioner Reagan asked about the overrun for steel regarding the events center. Darby Campbell stated that original estimates were provided before the steel had been designed. Therefore, the original cost estimates were uncertain.

Mayor Wear stated that there was a good article in the paper regarding the new fire station.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

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