

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013, 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 unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Brackins.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Charles Rhodes read a statement. See attachment A.

James Overstreet stated there should be guidelines to help with who can vote on property that allows 2 votes as it can get confusing. He further stated if funds are going to be given to Walter State then the Pigeon Forge schools should get half of the money. Mr. Overstreet mentioned the concession stand contract for the events center and noted the City should get 30%. Finally he asked that all meetings be televised.

No other 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 presented. 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

Ordinance No. 956 to amend Ordinance No. 949 annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was presented on the first reading. City Recorder Clabo presented and discussed amendment. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant program in the amount of \$297,500 with the City providing \$37,187.50 for a property located at 529

Kings Hills Road was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for out of fund balance. Community Development Director Taylor presented and noted the grant would be broken down by \$223,125 federal, \$37,187.50 state, and \$37,187.50 local. It was noted that in-kind donations can count towards the local portion. The grant will expire on 11/8/15. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Tennessee in the amount of \$10,000 with the City providing an additional amount of up to \$4,500 for the Well wise at Work Program was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that participation in this grant could allow the City to receive up to 4 percent off the annual premiums. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order from Progression Electric for the Music Road traffic signal installation in the amount of \$7,696.63 was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted and will be paid for from STP grant funds. Public Works Director Miller presented and noted that the net increase in the change order was in the amount of \$7,696.63. Commissioner Robinson stated it did not seem fair to other bidders that changes like this could be made after being awarded the bid. Following discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the change order as presented. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a commercial copy machine from Image Matters for the Trolley Department utilizing the 785311-S3-037 grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine presented and stated that bids were received from 5 vendors and it was recommended to accept the low qualified bidder in the amount of \$11,831.72. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase UHF pagers for new personnel in the Fire Department from United Communications Corp was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson stated that the department had 21 VHF pagers and had contacted 2 companies that accept trade-ins for new pagers and in return receive 5 UHF pagers. 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 an In-Lieu of Property Tax Contract from the City of Sevierville relating to the Sevier County Electric System was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that the amount for the current year would be \$266,602.39. 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 Public Hearing at the regular council meeting on February 11, 2013 regarding Ordinance No. 955.

2. The grand opening for the Wear Farm City Park will be March 22, 2013.
3. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held Tuesday February 26, 2013.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Robinson brought up for discussion the rights of property owners based on certain percentages to vote in the City of Pigeon Forge. There was lengthy discussion between Commissioner Robinson and City Attorney Gass regarding this matter.

Mayor Wear noted that the Pigeon Forge High School wrestling team was going to the State and the community was recently introduced to the new football coach.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER