

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015, 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 Ogle, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested citizens.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel E-14.00 of tax map 094D (South of Wilson Street between Iron Mountain Circle and Oldham Street) from R-1 (low density residential) district to R-2 (high density residential) district.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding an amendment to article VIII, section 801 ("area, yard, and height requirement") of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to change side setbacks and establish rear building setback requirements.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding closing a public section of R-O-W on Florence Drive and allow it to become a private circulation easement for development and a public water and sewer easement.

Ben Reams asked how this would impact the houses in the area and wanted to see a copy of the plans.

Jim Caulkin stated that he opposed because much of his business travels on Florence Drive.

Paul Bennett stated he didn't want to see road closed without plans to build the McGill Street extension.

Mike Shubert stated he was for the development as long as it doesn't close his business. He asked the City to consider the small business person in the big scheme.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Vice Mayor McClure.

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 Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 993 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel E-14.00 of tax map 094D (South of Wilson Street between Iron Mountain Circle and Oldham Street) from R-1 (low density residential) district to R-2 (high density residential) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 995 to amend article VIII, section 801 ("area, yard, and height requirement") of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to change side setbacks and establish rear building setback requirements was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 996 to close a public section of R-O-W on Florence Drive and allow it to become a private circulation easement for development and a public water and sewer easement was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. He noted that any action taken should be predicated on the property closing on January 20, 2015. City Attorney Gass stated that additionally he recommended vote also be conditional pending the execution of conveyance of property from the developer. It was stressed during discussion that all efforts be made to keep Florence Drive open during construction of McGill Street extension and private development. John Hunter with CDM Smith stated that it was anticipated to have new road open by May 2016. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure based on recommended language by Community Development Director and City Attorney Gass, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Discussion and consideration of proposal from CDM Smith to provide engineering services for the McGill Street Connector project was project was presented for approval. John Hunter with CDM Smith was in attendance to discuss. It was noted that total cost was in the amount of \$395,840. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of AT&T engineering fees and installation fees for the Old Mill undergrounding electric project was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins

presented and stated that engineering costs would not exceed \$10,000 and rewiring costs could be up to \$40,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of amendment to the LDA contract for engineering services related to the Old Mill undergrounding project was presented for approval. Jason Brooks presented and requested extending lump sum fee for design by \$11,000 and noted that the construction phase services should not exceed \$21,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of change order for the Mill Creek Lift Station project for additional inspection fees was presented for approval. Kent Olsen with Vaughn & Melton was in attendance and stated that the amendment was in the amount of \$42,041.69. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was approved to accept the change order as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of change order for the Upper Middle Creek pump station project for additional days was presented for approval. Kent Olsen with Vaughn & Melton presented and stated that 20 additional days were being requested. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a maintenance agreement with Southern Software for the police department was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an amendment from Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon for additional engineering services for the Greenway project was presented for approval. Steve Fritts with Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon was in attendance to discuss. It was noted that the cost would be in the amount of \$14,500. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the amendment as presented.

Discussion and consideration of the 2015 Spring/Summer engagement plan for the department of tourism was presented for approval. David Bohan and Tony Gerstner were in attendance to discuss. Mr. Gerstner gave an overview of the media plan in the different markets. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Karl Kreis to the Keep Sevier Beautiful Board was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster noted that Karl would be replacing Earl Ward. On a motion Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. City offices will be closed Monday January 19, 2015 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
3. There will be a planning commission meeting Tuesday January 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked everyone for coming to meeting.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER