

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Maples, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, Assistant Finance Director Baiamonte, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure and City Manager Teaster were absent.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, TN by rezoning of parcels 113.10 and 122.07 of tax map 093 from R-1 (low density residential) to C-4 (planned unit – commercial) district.

James Tomiczek with CEC Engineering spoke in favor and gave a brief history on the Blue Mist development project and the efforts to meet utility design requirements.

Jim Stites spoke against the development.

Scott Lucas, an owner in the Blue Mist development, spoke about his desire to see the project approved.

Aaron Goodman spoke about his concerns with the development.

David Burger requested the status of the development's approval.

Mayor Wear advised that the project was not currently approved and that Ordinance No. 1087 was going to be deferred to a later date when it is presented in the agenda.

Valerie Goodman spoke about her concerns with the development.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending Article VII (“provisions governing use districts”), by adding sections 706.4.1 (“uses permitted”) and 706.4.2 (“uses prohibited”) to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee C-4 zoning districts.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 3

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending sections 711.1.18 and 712.1.8 adding distance from Parkway for wineries in C-6 and C-7 districts to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

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

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Maples 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 Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1087 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning of parcels 113.10 and 122.07 of tax map 093 from R-1 (low density residential) to C-4 (planned unit – commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented and requested this item be tabled to another date to allow time for the planning commission to review the new utility study. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was tabled until a later date.

Ordinance No. 1088 to amend article VII (“provisions governing use districts”), by adding sections 706.4.1 (“uses permitted”) and 706.4.2 (“uses prohibited”) to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee C-4 zoning district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 1089 to amend sections 711.1.18 and 712.1.8 adding distance from Parkway for wineries in C-6 and C-7 districts to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 877 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to hire the law firm of Friedman, Dazzio, Zulanas & Bowling, P.C. to represent the City of Pigeon Forge in the national prescription opiate legislation was presented for approval. City Attorney Rowell presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration to participate in a Flood Preparedness Study through the Army Core of Engineers with Sevier County Government was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented and advised that Pigeon Forge’s portion is \$36,000 over 2 years. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of repair and maintenance overage for the wastewater treatment plant for the budget year 2018-2019 was presented for approval. City Record Clabo presented and recommended to pay the overage in the amount of \$9,885.52. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal for an as-built survey of the Greenway with Barge Design Solutions was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented the request in the amount of \$13,500. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order for the Ridge Road Intersection project was presented for approval. Jason Brady from Gresham Smith presented and recommended the change request in the amount of \$35,000. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a Continuation of Health Insurance Benefits policy for the City of Pigeon Forge qualifying employees was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from Firehouse Subs through the Firehouse Public Safety Foundation for the Fire Department to purchase AED devices was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented the grant request in the amount of \$19,980 with no match. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Southern Contractors, Inc. for the Sevier County Tourist Corridor Traffic Systems project was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented the bid with Pigeon Forge's portion being \$139,307.20. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Charles Blalock & Sons for the removal and reassembly of the Winterfest bridge steel arches from East Wears Valley Road and Dollywood Lane was presented for approval. Street Superintendent Bradley presented the bid in the amount of \$36,300. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Sullivan Sandblasting to refurbish the Winterfest bridge arches for East Wears Valley Road and Dollywood Lane was presented for approval. Street Superintendent Bradley presented the bid in the amount of \$27,500. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to allocate \$100,000 of the 20-21 mixed drink tax funds for improvements to the Pigeon Forge Junior High was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. City offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All necessary city services will still be provided on that day.
2. The Beer Board will meet on Wednesday January 22, 2020 at 11 a.m. in the city council room at city hall.
3. The pedestrian bridge is scheduled to be set on Monday January, 27, 2020.

4. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER