

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, 3:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of a user agreement with the Ripken Experience and converting the fields to turf at Wear Farm Park** – Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and discussed the possibility of converting existing fields at Wear Farm Park to turf fields. Three documents would need approved. A user agreement between the City and Ripken which is currently under review by the State of Tennessee’s Recreation Resource Division. This agreement established the basis of when, where and how the facility can be used. An amendment to the original management agreement would be necessary and an agreement with AstroTurf would need approved for the purchase and installation of turf. The estimated cost for five fields is \$3,366,286.

Following discussion, council agreed for staff to work with the State of Tennessee on approval of a user agreement.

2. **Review and discussion of the RFP submitted for the Welcome Center property** – Assistant City Manager Brackins along with David Fee were in attendance to discuss proposal. Mr. Fee stated that he would need the City to be willing to swap some of the property around the site to make the project work and for the project to move forward. Mayor Wear stated he would like to keep the back part and work on selling the front part.

Following discussion, council generally agreed have staff and David Fee work with Community Development Director Taylor to see if the project could work on the site.

3. **Review and discussion of request from Dollywood for construction of a roadway into the workforce housing area off Veterans Boulevard** – Tom Giesecking, Tim Berry, and Dan Bullock were in attendance to discuss proposal. There are three phases planned for housing project. To build this project, an access road will be needed in the estimated amount of \$955,857.86. They have asked for the City to assist with funding half of the road project. It was noted that this would be a public access road and there

would need to be a cap on the amount funded if funding was provided by the City.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to have staff work on a management agreement and bring back for further discussion.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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

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