

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, 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.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Commissioner Maples.

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

There was no old business.

New Business

Mayor Wear read a Proclamation recognizing March 24, 2016 as Arbor Day.

Mayor Wear read a Proclamation recognizing March as litter awareness month in Pigeon Forge.

Ordinance No. 1012 to establish an updated occupational safety and health program plan, devise rules and regulations, and to provide for a safety director and the implementation of such program plan was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of legislative matters concerning the City of Pigeon Forge and asking Legislative Delegation to support the following bills, Senate Bill 2083,

2086, 2087/House Bills 2123, 2124, and 1997 regarding authority to waive payments in lieu of taxes made by lessees; construction or operation of licensed manufacturer in Pigeon Forge; and election of City Commissioners by seats was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass discussed each bill. Motion was made by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure. During discussion, Mayor Wear mentioned reducing distance requirement for distillery on Parkway from 1,000 feet down to 400 feet so that two existing distilleries would fall within distance requirement and not be grandfathered. A friendly amendment to original motion to reduce distance requirement to 400 feet from state right-of-way was made by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, which was approved to support the noted bills. Mayor Wear abstained from the vote but noted that he did not feel that he had a conflict with the vote but wanted to be consistent with how he had voted in the past but did support the mentioned bills.

Discussion and consideration to purchase equipment for the Ripken experience and reallocate budgeted dollars for equipment needs was presented for approval. Matt Rowland and Shawn Barhorst from the Ripken Experience were in attendance to present and recommended the purchase of gators, golf carts, bobcat, front loader, turf machine, desks/workstations, AEDs, and L-screens. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of lease amendment with the Boys and Girls Club for the building site was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting Tuesday February 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be a Beer Board meeting on Wednesday February 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. The State of the City will be held on Thursday February 18, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at the LeConte Center.
4. There are plans for a commission retreat on Thursday February 18, 2016 and Friday February 19, 2016.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Maples asked about the closing of Florence Drive and if the public would be given advance notice. Assistant City Manager Brackins said there would be notification.

Mayor Wear stated that the ribbon cutting for the Ripken project would be on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER