

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26 2012, 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.

Mayor Wear recognized Ben Clabo with Pigeon Forge High School who read a letter towards City of Pigeon Forge in appreciation of all that has been done for the school by the City.

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 talked about PPC campaigns and asked about the possibility of work with programs with Bohan and USDM getting local college students involved.

James Overstreet congratulated the City and Fire Department for the new fire station. He also stated his disappointment with the beer board based on an article in the local paper and said serving minors alcohol is a serious violation and the board should look at the seriousness of the violations.

Rick Benjamin spoke about the PPC campaigns and about Walter State students always looking for internships.

Ben Clabo stated there was a big baseball game this Friday and the Easter lunch is next Tuesday.

Executive Director of Tourism Downey noted he would be happy to meet with Charles Rhodes regarding any issues he may have.

No further 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 noted. 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

Resolution No. 792 ratifying Resolution 790 and 791 by further clarifying estimated detail cost of issuance of the \$25,500,000 bond issue was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass stated that Commissioner Robinson had challenged the vote at the previous meeting and this should clarify any uncertainties. He noted Mark Manantov with Bass, Berry & Sims was in attendance to answer any questions the board may have. Vice Mayor McClure made a motion to accept resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Brackins. Before the vote, Commissioner Robinson stated he didn't think that the financial advisor could also be the underwriter. Mr. Mamantov stated that Morgan Keegan was the financial advisor under this resolution and would be precluded from bidding in the competitive sale as underwriter. Commissioner Robinson stated that based on his research and discussion with someone else, the City had paid more on the closing of a previous bond for the Event Center than Claiborne County paid on a similar bond. He further stated that he wanted to recommend an independent advisor. Mr. Manantov stated that the role of Morgan Keegan in this transaction was to serve as an independent advisor. Commissioner Robinson stated he didn't feel Morgan Keegan was independent because they would make money on this deal. Mr. Manantov stated that Financial Advisors Stevens who did the Claiborne County deal was paid for their services. Following lengthy discussion the motion was approved. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration of recommendation to select the City's online digital advertising agency was presented for approval. Executive Director of Tourism Downey stated that this had been unanimously recommended by the committee. Commissioner Brackins made a motion to accept recommendation which was seconded by Vice Mayor McClure. Commissioner Robinson stated he would like to limit the contract to one year instead of five. Vice Mayor McClure stated there was a provision in the contract to opt out if necessary. Following discussion, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration of the City's Stand-By/On-Call Policy was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and discussed the policy. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the policy as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase television service from DirecTV for Fire Station # 2 was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson recommended low quote from DirecTV which includes an installation charge of \$463, year one charge of

\$1,075.88 and year two charge of \$1,067.88 for a required term of 24 months. 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.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday March 27, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. The City will be closed on Friday April 6, 2012 to observe Good Friday.
3. The beer board meeting scheduled for March 28, 2012 has been cancelled due to no pending applications.
4. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance No. 941 on April 9, 2012.
5. The D.A.R.E. graduation will be on March 28, 2012 at the Pigeon Forge Middle School at 11:30 a.m.
6. Blalocks will be paving the section of the parkway tomorrow where there was a hump created from a line that was bored under the parkway.
7. Assistant City Manager Brackins asked for approval to authorize the Mayor to move forward with the closing documents regarding the agreement with Barker Industries. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked the fire department with the grand opening of the new station. He also asked everyone to remember the family of Irene Collier who passed on March 23, 2012 and noted the family would be receiving friends tonight at First Baptist Church in Pigeon Forge.

Having no further comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER