

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 Ogle.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Steve Isaacs was in attendance and asked about new Jake Thomas Connector Road where he wants to put a gas station.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 825 to authorize the publication of notice regarding delinquent taxes, penalties and interest for the year 2014 was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Maples, the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of two proposals for CDM Smith for engineering services for the Jake Thomas Road extension connecting to Veterans Boulevard was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated that the first proposal was for approximately 200 feet on Veterans Boulevard. The design should take approximately 18 weeks at a cost of \$173,000. The second proposal is for the remaining section. It will take approximately one year to design at a cost of \$1,214,450.

On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposals as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a TDOT lease agreement for parking along the State Right-of-Way was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and noted that this was similar to the existing lease agreement with TDOT that is expiring and will renew for an additional 20 years. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase turnout gear for the fire department through NAFECO utilizing a FEMA grant was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that five complete sets could be purchased at a total cost of \$15,939.75. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase turnout gear for the fire department through NAFECO was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that he recommended the purchase of eleven sets of gear at a total cost of \$24,530. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for the Governor's Highway Safety Office high visibility grant to purchase supplies and equipment for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and noted that this grant is a maximum of \$5,000 but requires no local match. He stated it would be used for supplies/equipment that promotes traffic safety. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to reallocate budgeted dollars for capital purchases for the Ripken Experience was presented for approval. David Bounds with Ripken presented and noted savings in certain capital lines and requested using those savings to purchase retail fixtures, ice machines, refrigerator, F&B equipment/installation, dumpsters, and a desktop printer. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to reallocate funds and accept purchases as requested.

Mayor Wear read a letter from the State of Tennessee Office of the Comptroller requesting it be read into the minutes. See attachment A.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting Tuesday March 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.

2. City offices will be closed Friday March 25, 2016 to observe Good Friday Holiday.
3. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held Monday March 28, 2016.
4. The new water tank at the Cal Ripken site will be turned on tomorrow.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Maples stated that Tourism Talks will be tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Maples also stated that the Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association would have a panel discussion regarding housing and labor this Thursday.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER