

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, 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 Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell 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 Watts and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Harold Abbott was in attendance to speak about his property at 2221 Henderson Springs Road. He noted that he has been annexed into the city and having trouble with the quality of his water as he is on a well and his filters are turning black frequently. He asked to for the city to extend water line to his property.

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 Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2023-1143 to establish an updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, devise rules and regulations, and to provide for a risk manager and the implementation of such program plan was presented on the second reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 2023-918 adopting the Tennessee Department of Transportation consultant selecting policy for projects funded in whole or in part with funds provided by the Federal Highway Administration or the Tennessee Department of Transportation

(TDOT) was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2023-919 authorizing Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to join the State of Tennessee and other local governments in amending the Tennessee State-subdivision opioid abatement agreement and approving the related settlement agreements was presented for approval. City Attorney Rowell presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the construction of phase 4A of the Westside Connector road project from Charles Blalock and Sons was presented for approval. Jeff Mize with CDM Smith presented and recommended the qualified bid in the amount of \$7,664,685. It was noted that a tentative completion date would be August 30, 2024. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of quote to repair a knuckle boom truck from Waters Equipment for the sanitation department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the repair in the amount of \$11,799.81. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase six Octave meters and accessories for the utility department from Consolidated Pipe and Supply was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$17,964. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the installation of the traffic signal upgrades from Progression Electric was presented for approval. Alan Childers with Cannon and Cannon presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$1,293,284.39. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a public hearing for Ordinance No. 1143 at the council meeting on April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
3. City offices will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday.

4. The next city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER