

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12 2010, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

Mayor Whaley opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding an ordinance to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, by rezoning a portion of parcel 145 tax map 94 located between Pine Mountain and McMahan Hollow Roads, owned by Fairtenn, LLC, from R-1 (low density residential) to C-4 (Planned Unit-commercial).

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Wear.

The authorization for the payment of bills was unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Commissioner Wear.

Ordinance No. 906 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, by rezoning a portion of parcel 145 tax map 94 located between Pine Mountain and McMahan Hollow Roads, owned by Fairtenn, LLC, from R-1 (low density residential) to C-4 (Planned Unit-commercial) was presented for the second reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Approval of property tax adjustments for 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo stated that this was an adjustment that was usually necessary to be done annually. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of request to donate certain books to the Friends of Pigeon Forge Public Library was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that books were usually donated once or twice annually. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to purchase wetland mitigation credits from Shady Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank was presented for approval. Liz Porter with S&ME stated that the City needs to purchase credits to be able to build a transit center at the Teaster Lane parking lot. The purchase will consist of 2.5 wetland credit acres with a required deposit of 10% or \$7,500. The total credit cost is \$75,000 and the deposit would apply toward the total cost of the credits. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of request for a sewer line extension from the Parkway at West Mill Creek Road to Heritage Hills was presented for approval. Commissioner Robinson noted that he would be abstaining from the vote due to owning property in the area that the sewer extension was being requested. Public Works Director Miller said that there was currently no sewer in Heritage Hills. The closest main is in the parking lot at the Texas Roadhouse. He said that there would be approximately 412 feet of 8 inch line to extend which would also need engineering. It was noted that the properties impacted are only owned by Joe Ogle and Randal Robinson. Vice Mayor McClure said that he had personally spoken with Joe Ogle and he had said that he didn't need sewer.

Commissioner Robinson said that he had been requesting sewer for over 20 years and simply wanted a yes or no answer to know what his options were. He further stated that he would like the availability so when sewer is needed, he knows that permission is granted. City Attorney Gass said that a request should be made when needed.

The project cost was estimated at approximately \$31,440. Council generally agreed that this was not the correct approach to make a request per city ordinance. After general discussion, request failed for lack of motion.

Consideration of agreement with S&ME to complete a FEMA Environmental Assessment for the new fire station site was presented for approval. Mike Smelcer with SRA presented and recommended S&ME noting that he is familiar with their work and their base fee is lower than the other two firms. The base estimate is in the amount of \$7,104 with a \$3,015 contingency for a total of \$10,119. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of an agreement with Allison Pelham Interiors for interior design services for the new fire station was presented for approval. Mike Smelcer with SRA presented noting that the contract is in the amount of \$8,800. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of an agreement with Allison Pelham Interiors for furniture and fixture services for the new fire station was presented for approval. Mike Smelcer with SRA noted that the contract was in the amount of \$6,700. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid to purchase a fire tanker was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson stated that nine vendors had bid on the fire truck and he was recommending 4 Guys at a cost of \$199,973. It was noted that this was not the lowest bid but per Chief Watson his

recommendation was based on also looking at workmanship standards for the Pigeon Forge Fire Department and this was still within the awarded amount. This will be paid for with 95% federal funds and a 5% local match. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid to purchase fire hose was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that in trying to stretch funds for purchase of fire hose as far as possible, he has bid new hose and also demo hose. The demo hose may have scratches but not impact the integrity of the hose. Watson said that if demo hose is available in color and length it will be purchased, if not then the new hose will be purchased. It is recommended that 1", 1 3/4", 2", 2 1/2", and 3" in 50' sections for new hose; 5" in 100' sections for new hose; 3" in 50' sections for demo hose; and 5" in 100' sections for demo hose be purchased from Ferrara Fire Equipment. It is further recommended that 5" in 50' sections for new hose; 1", 1 3/4", 2", 2 1/2", 3" in 100' sections for new hose; and 1 3/4", 2 1/2", 5" in 50' sections for demo hose be purchased from Nafeco Inc. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Approval of bid to purchase wildland fire equipment was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson stated that he recommended The Supply Cache for purchasing Nomex shirts and pants; Ferrara Fire Equipment for True North Radio Chest Harness & Boots; The Fire Store for Stream Light Argo Headlamp, Hot Shield HS-2, and utility belt; and Nafeco for replacement HS-2 filters. Watson stated that this was a 50/50 grant between the City of Pigeon Forge and the Tennessee Division of Forestry. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid to purchase a breathing air compressor was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson recommended the low bid from Breathing Air Systems at a cost of \$40,000. Watson stated that this would be paid for with 95% federal funds and a 5% local match. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of agreement with American Healthways Services and the Pigeon Forge Community Center to be part of a network of facilities to participate in the Silver Sneakers Program was presented for approval. Item was withdrawn from agenda.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on April 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room A of the City Hall Complex.
2. Community Night will be held on Tuesday April 13, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Pigeon Forge High School.
3. There will be a planning commission meeting on April 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.

4. Leadership Sevier and Leadership Tomorrow will have a portion of their program day at City Hall on Wednesday April 14, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the council room if any of the commissioners want to attend.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the floor and/or board.

Following general comments, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER