

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, 3:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, and interested parties. City Attorney Rowell was absent.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of building plans for the police and fire department** – Mike Smelcer with SRA Architects along with Assistant City Manager Brackins were in attendance to show latest plans on police department and to give an update on cost estimates for public safety buildings. Mr. Smelcer stated he would like to get the police department plans as far along as he has the fire department regarding design. This would then allow the city to get a construction manager on board to help with prices and cost estimates.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to have Mr. Smelcer continue to work on design as discussed.

2. **Review and discussion of projects for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year budget** – City Manager Teaster along with Public Works Director Miller and several engineers discussed several water/sewer projects that were currently in the planning or design phase including Jayell Road water and sewer extension, Ridge Road sewer, Wears Valley Interceptor 1A, reuse tank and Waldens Creek intake. Each project was discussed regarding estimated time for design and construction, and estimated cost. City Manager Teaster noted that due to the size of the projects, staff would probably recommend looking at one or more bond issues to fund projects.

Following discussion, it was noted that staff would continue to work on project details as it relates to the budget.

3. **Other** – LeConte Center Manager Campbell discussed the possibility of adding a 10,000 square foot multi-purpose room, 3,000 square foot food court, and 1,350 square foot restroom area for the LeConte Center to help with crowds during larger events. The estimated costs could be approximately \$8,000,000.

Following discussion, council generally agreed for staff to meet with Cumberland Securities to determine funding options and report back.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER