

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, Assistant Finance Director Baiamonte, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. City Recorder Clabo was absent.

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 Maples and second to motion by Commissioner Watts.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Citizen Stephen Houser addressed the board to voice his concern that more planning needs to be made concerning the rod runs. Citizen Tom Colson addressed the board to request that a work session be scheduled to come up with solutions for the rod runs. Sevier County resident Journee Clouse addressed the board and presented a petition to end the rod runs. Citizen Bob Lochmiller addressed the board to voice his concern that changes need to be made concerning the rod runs. Sevier County resident Jesse Deeds addressed the board to voice his concern that solutions need to be found for the rod runs and presented pictures for the council to view. Attorney George Garrison addressed the board to request that something be done to help his client, Scott Shultz, with a large water bill resulting from a leak. Attendant Cathy Clark addressed the board to ask what actions were going to be taken regarding the issues of the rod runs. Citizen Darcy Tubb addressed the board to voice his concerns about the rod runs. Citizen Suzy Campbell addressed the board to speak out in support of the actual rod run participants and not to punish them for the actions of those who just attend. Attendant Lisa Garren addressed the board to voice her concerns about the rod runs. Business Owner Mike Shular addressed the board to state that the actual car show participants are good for the economy and they are not the problem. A work session was scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. following comments from citizens.

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

Discussion and consideration to amend the State of Tennessee Marketing Grant for direct advertising was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented the request in the amount of \$50,000 a year for this year and the next 3 years. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to amend the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement to accept a Federal 5311 Grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented the request in the amount of \$787,297.00 to purchase a new trolley, two hydraulic lifts and a maintenance support vehicle for the Mass Transit Department. The grant requires a 32% local match. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Grant Program was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented the request in the amount of \$558,838.50 to purchase a new rescue truck. The Pierce 2022 Rescue Truck would cost \$745,118. The city's portion would be \$186,279.50. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Mayor Wear stated that the next 6 agenda item (8-13) would be approved in one motion because they were authorized in the last council meeting. Items presented were as follows:

- Amount: \$15,750.00, Purchase of six flock cameras from Flock Safety for the Police Department. This is a sole source item – Richard Catlett
- Amount: \$16,237.44, Purchase of five mobile radios for the Police Department from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract – Richard Catlett
- Amount: \$74,372.50, Purchase of high mast lights from Graybar Electric for the Street Department. This is a sole source item. – Mark Miller
- Amount \$29,199.00, Purchase of a 2021 Ford F-150 truck for the Sanitation Department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract – Mark Miller
- Amount \$209,650.00, Purchase of traffic cameras for 10 intersections for the Street Department from Gridsmart a sole source provider- Mark Miller

- Amount \$59,016.00, Purchase of copy machines for the Police, Tourism and Finance Departments utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract – Rob Ogle

On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, agenda items 8-13 were unanimously approved as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 5 new computers for the Pigeon Forge Public Library utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$26,537. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 3 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The Beer Board will meet on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. A work session to discuss the rod runs will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the council room at city hall.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER