

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear asked Judge James L. Gass to administer the oath of office to the newly elected Commissioner Wear and Commissioner Whaley.

The following were in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Wear, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure and Assistant City Manager Brackins were absent.

Commissioner Whaley led in the pledge of allegiance.

Nominations for election of Mayor were requested. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle to elect David W. Wear to serve as Mayor, second by Commissioner Watts and with all voting “aye” the motion passed as presented.

The election of Vice Mayor was presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle to elect Kevin McClure to serve as Vice Mayor, second by Commissioner Watts and with all voting “aye” the motion passed as presented.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Watts and second to motion by Commissioner Whaley.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Members of the Gideons of Pigeon Forge camp were in attendance to present the mayor, city manager, fire chief, and police chief with a dignitary bible.

No other comments were received.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Discussion and consideration of engineering services for SSR for the water treatment plant intake and filter improvements project was presented for approval. Josh Bruce with SSR was in attendance and noted that services include preliminary/final design, bidding phase, construction administration phase, expenses and post construction for a total of \$347,000. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the pressure washing and painting of the public works buildings from Xtreme Coatings was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$50,000. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a bulletproof vest partnership grant from the Department of Justice for the police department was presented for approval. Captain Adams presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to cancel an order from Ford of Murfreesboro for one F-150 and approve a bid from Mountain Ford for a Ford-150 crew cab was presented for approval. Deputy Chief Powers presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$51,399. Part of this transaction would include canceling one of the Ford trucks on order in the amount of \$43,692. Part of this request also includes processing check with other bills ready for payment on Tuesday. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented including making payment tomorrow.

Discussion and consideration of an audit contract with Pugh and Company for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and stated that the municipal chart of accounts crosswalk would be a new part of the audit this year. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance number 2023-1147 and 2023-1148 at the regular council meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023.
2. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
3. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.

4. The next city council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2023.
5. A work session is needed to begin reviewing the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. Would like to schedule for Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle thanked Mayor Wear and Vice Mayor McClure for serving in their respective positions. Commissioner Whaley and Commissioner Watts shared same comments.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER