

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013, 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 Brackins, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the zoning map by amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel E-43.00 of tax map 94C (located at the intersection of North River Road and Jake Thomas Road) from C-6 (mixed – use commercial) district to C-2 (tourism commercial) district.

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

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Jim Mason on High Valley Drive stated that he would like something done to help with the noise and trespassing through his yard due to the new City Park next to his house.

Dixie Kyker on High Valley Drive stated that individuals are throwing trash in her yard from the walking trail and people are also using her yard to access the city park. She stated she wanted a barrier to block the noise.

Michelle Thomas on High Valley Drive stated individuals are coming through her yard due to the city park. She further stated noise is a major problem due to the city park.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 959 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel E-43.00 of tax map 94C (located at the intersection of North River Road and Jake Thomas Road) from C-6 (mixed – use commercial) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented and stated that this was the former Grand Hotel property and the land owner is requesting the change. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 960 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcels 90.04 and 90.11 of tax map 83 (located at the intersection of Teaster Lane and Jake Thomas Road) from C-4 (planned unit commercial) & C-6 (mixed-use commercial) district to C-7 (planned unit/public use development) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 961 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcels G-88.00 and G-9.00 of tax map 94F (located on Two View Road) from C-6 (mixed –use commercial) district to C-1 (general commercial) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 962 to set the tax rate for the 2013-2014 fiscal year at \$.20 per \$100 of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 963 to make and fix the annual appropriations for the several departments of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and highlighted the totals in each fund. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with East Tennessee Development District for providing local planning advisory services for fiscal year 2014 was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented and noted that contract would be in the amount of \$9,250. On motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Pugh and Company to audit accounts for the City of Pigeon Forge from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 was presented for approval. Larry Elmore representing Pugh and Company was in attendance to answer any questions. On a motion

by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a bid to purchase salt from Compass Mineral International, North American Salt for the Street Department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that this was a combined bid with the City of Sevierville, City of Gatlinburg, and Sevier County. It was recommended to award the bid to the lowest bidder Compass Minerals International at a cost of \$69.55 per ton. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a concessionaire contract with Bullfish to provide concession services at the LeConte Center was presented for approval. Mike Wilds presented. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the contract as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of a bio-tower pump repair for the wastewater system from Landon Electric Company was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and noted that the repair cost would be in the amount \$5,976. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Jeff Dodgen to the Pigeon Forge Planning Commission was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. An engineering task order with SSR was sent separate from the original agenda as it was mistakenly omitted. The item was discussed previously at a work session. Ken Hawkins with SSR was in attendance to answer any questions. The task order will allow SSR proceed with the design and construction administration of the wastewater treatment plant aerobic digester under task order 10-47-029.6. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.
2. There will be a Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. where Susan Whittaker will speak.
3. A beer board meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday June 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at City Hall.
4. There will be an IDB meeting on Tuesday June 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the City Hall Complex.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Reagan stated that the traffic signal at the intersection at Sugar Hollow Road backs traffic up coming in to town. He would also like to see something done at the intersection of River Road and Dollywood Lane. Perhaps a right turn only sign would help.

Mayor Wear thanked residents on High Valley Drive for sharing their concerns and stated that the City was still looking at something that could be done to help. He further noted that the first of several historical markers was dedicated on June 3, 2013 and wanted thank those involved including Marcia and Veta.

Commissioner Reagan asked if a temporary solution for the noise and trespassing on High Valley Drive would be a chain link fence with blinders.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER