

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13 2011, 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 Reagan, Commissioner Robinson, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, members of the press and interested citizens. City Attorney Gass 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 Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Brackins.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the bills as noted. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Approval of bid for traffic control signs and accessories was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that it was recommended by Public Works Director Miller to accept lowest bid per item which would include purchasing from Halls Signs, Vulcan Signs, and G&C Supply. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Sevier County Emergency Communications District was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that this agreement was the same as existing agreement that is expiring this year. It has a term of five years and is a joint agreement to provide 911 service. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid for clipping service for Department of Tourism was presented for approval. Executive Director of Tourism Downey discussed and recommended the low bid from Vocus at a cost of \$11,545. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of bid for stage, lighting and sound for July 4th Patriot Festival was presented for approval. Special Events Manager Helton discussed and stated that the only company to submit a bid was RCS Productions at a cost of \$20,000. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Ordinance No. 925 to set the property tax rate for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was presented for the first reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Ordinance No. 926 to amend the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code, Section 5-702 Amusement Tax levy to provide for a tax levy of two and one-half percent was presented for the first reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Ordinance No. 927 to amend the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code, Section 5-602 Hotel/Motel Tax levy to provide for a tax levy of two and one-half percent was presented for the first reading. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Ordinance No. 928 to amend **Ordinance No. 908** Annual Appropriations for fiscal year 2010-2011 was presented for the first reading. City Recorder Clabo briefly discussed the larger account balances. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 929 to amend the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code, by revising Section 18-109 water rates and Section 18-110 sewer rates for the City of Pigeon Forge was presented for the first reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Ordinance No. 930 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, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012 was presented for the first reading. City Manager Teaster discussed the totals from each fund. She also highlighted the property tax rate had been proposed at \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Vice Mayor McClure asked about holding the COLA and step adjustments and discuss again mid-year as had been done in the current year. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Manager's report included the following:

1. Pigeon Forge Cinemas will be showing the Pigeon Forge Video at 10:00 a.m. on June 30, 2011.
2. The July 4th event will be held on Monday July 4th.
3. There will be a Beer Board meeting on June 22, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall
4. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on June 28, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
5. There will be a public hearing on property tax rate on June 27, 2011.
6. Would like to set a work session for June 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear said that there has been a lot of hard work on the budget this year.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER