

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017, 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, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested citizens.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel G-21.00 of tax map 094F (located at 120 Ogle Drive) from C-6 (mixed use commercial) district to C-1 (general commercial) district (planned unit commercial) district.

Thomas Colson was in attendance and stated that he was against the rezoning. Mike Smelcer was in attendance for property owner Vacation Lodge and requesting all of their parcels be zoned the same.

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

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Fire Chief Watson mentioned House Resolution No. 23 related to the wildfire that had been framed and wanted to display it for everyone to see. In addition, he recognized Fire Lieutenant Nunn for completing the Executive Fire Officer Program. Currently, there are only two in Sevier County and 3,800 nationwide.

No other comments were received.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1033 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning of parcel G-21.00 of tax map 094F (located at 120 Ogle Drive) from C-6 (mixed use commercial) district to C-1 (general commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 1034 to set the tax rate for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at \$0.20 per \$100 of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the first reading. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that the proposed rate was the same as prior year. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 1035 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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 and to carry forward appropriations for prior year encumbrances was presented on the first reading. City Manager Teaster presented and highlighted various sections of the budget. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of plans for the utilization of the 2017 State of Tennessee Recovery Marketing funding was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented and stated that the State was providing \$1,435,000 in grant funding for wildfire recovery marketing campaign. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase salt for the street department utilizing a joint bid with Sevierville, Gatlinburg and Pitman Center from Compass Mineral International was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$78.60/ton. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal for wetland monitoring from S&ME at Wear Farm City Park was presented for approval. Sarah Rowe was in attendance to discuss and noted that the costs would be in the amount of \$9,600. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a reuse chlorine mixing pump for the wastewater plant from BAR Environment was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$12,690. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of the 2017-2018 operating assistance grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the trolley department was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Link presented and noted that the grant would be in the amount of \$624,400. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a new 5311 Rural Transportation grant for the trolley department in the amount of \$306,336 was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Link presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Commissioner Ogle to the Library Board was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be a tree board meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Community Center at 12:00 p.m.
3. There will be a work session on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in city hall complex meeting room A.
4. There will be a tourism advisory board meeting on June 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the LeConte Center.
5. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 3:00 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 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER