

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 09, 2012, 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, 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.

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.

Charles Rhodes read a statement regarding the wastewater plant.

Tony Rast asked about an SSR representative being present for the meeting and for wording to be included in the minutes that a "fully functioning reuse plant will be built."

No other comments were received.

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 presented. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Before new business items were presented, Mayor Wear stated he would like to have roll call vote on agenda items. Council generally agreed.

Resolution No. 794 authorizing the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in the TML Pool's Safety Partners Loss Control matching safety grant program was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Discussion and consideration of a task order agreement with SSR for the redesign and construction administration of the new wastewater treatment plant was presented for approval.

Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. It was noted that the target construction budget for the project is \$31,671,806 and the design costs will be a lump sum fee of \$2,492,052 with design fees paid to date being deducted from this amount. Commissioner Robinson asked if this would be a reuse wastewater plant. Assistant City Manager Brackins stated that the wastewater plant would be a reuse plant. Commissioner Robinson stated that he could not vote for the project and read a statement explaining his reasons. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved accept the agreement as presented. Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Discussion and consideration of bid for initial site work at the new trolley center location was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine presented and noted that three construction companies had submitted bids for the project and it was recommended that the bid be awarded to Charles Blalock & Sons with a low bid of \$1,087,605.97. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bids to purchase two trams from Specialty Vehicles Inc. for the Trolley Department utilizing ARRA grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine presented and stated that two bids had been received and it was recommended that the bid be awarded to Specialty Vehicles, Inc. with a low bid of \$299,997.50 per tram for a total of \$599,995. Mr. Marine noted that this grant required no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with Douglas Advertising to relocate a billboard from Corky's BBQ (3584 Parkway) to Tennessee Shindig as a digital billboard (2391 Parkway) was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented request from Brent Collier and stated that this language was similar to other agreements that have been presented in the past. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the agreement as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be an Industrial Development Board meeting on Tuesday July 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Event Center site.
2. There will be a public hearing for Ordinance No. 947 at the July 23, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting
3. The Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association will be meeting Thursday July 12, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at Walter State Community College.
4. There will be a beer board meeting on July 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
5. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday July 24, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.

6. A copy of a letter from Bohan expressing their openness regarding bills has been provided to each commissioner.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Reagan commented on Derek Hodges article in the Mountain Press stating he has a conflict with fire department. Commissioner Reagan stated he has not voted on fire department items since he was re-elected to city council by abstaining from votes.

Mayor Wear appreciates all staff that made July 4th celebration a success. He further thanked those involved in Operation Pigeon Forge that should be on television possibly this Thursday night on GAC.

Having no further comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER