

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11 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, 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 increase in the property tax rate (Ordinance No. 925). The proposed increase is as follows: There is hereby levied a tax rate of twenty and 00/100 cents (.2000) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for year 2011.

Roy Myers, Bonnie Denney, James and Joyce Overstreet, Uernhein Castro, and Bill Acree were noted as being against the ordinance.

Having no other 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 Brackins.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

James Overstreet made a comment regarding the fire station.

Charles Rhodes made a comment regarding the USDM contract.

Tony Rast made a comment regarding media in the back of the council room.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 925 to set the property tax rate for 2011-2012 fiscal year was presented for the second reading. Following lengthy discussion by commissioners, and on a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, the motion was approved on the second 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 second reading. City Recorder Clabo discussed proposed changes. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, the motion was approved on the second reading. Mayor Wear abstained from the vote due to the \$10,000 for the feasibility study to the Sevier County Economic Development Council.

New Business

Resolution No. 782 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in the Pool's Safety Partners Loss Control matching safety grant program was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that this had been received for the past several years and the grant has been approximately \$2,000. She added that this would be used to purchase work boots. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Ordinance No. 931 to amend Ordinance No. 929 and 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. City Recorder Clabo stated that this was necessary due to a typographical error. It only affects the rate shown on the Ordinance and will not change the budget projections. Commissioner Robinson stated he had to oppose since he was against Ordinance No. 929. 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.

Discussion and consideration of a bid for the annual refinishing of the Community Center's gym floor and two racquetball courts from Pinnacle Resources was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks noted that seven bids had been received and he recommended the low bid from Pinnacle Resources at a cost of \$3,960. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to give 755 library books from the City Library to Friends of Pigeon Forge Public Library was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that is done at least annually. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bids for the Applewood and Hickory Manor sewer line extensions from Clifton Construction for contract 1 and Charles Blalock and Sons for Contract 2. Project to be partially funded out of the water and sewer fund balance and was presented for approval. Guy Wantiez with Vision Engineering presented

and stated that Clifton Construction was low bidder on contract one for Applewood at a cost of \$237,605. Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. was the lowest bidder on contract two for Hickory Manor at a cost of \$80,946. The total for the two projects was \$318,551. It was noted that the reason this was significantly higher than originally allocated in budget was due to having to use an outside contractor instead of city personnel due to location line and costs of asphalt to fix road once line installed. Commissioner Robinson asked if this could be taken from fund balance. City Recorder Clabo stated that it could be. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on July 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. There will be a planning commission meeting on July 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
3. A work session is needed in the next few weeks to discuss various items.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Brackins stated she appreciated all work done during the July 4th event.

Mayor Wear asked to keep Leon Downey’s family in prayers as his mother had recently passed.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER