

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 12 2010, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

Mayor Whaley 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 Wear.

Mayor Whaley asked if there were any comments from citizens. No comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. Commissioner Robinson asked that the invoice from Barnes Insurance regarding property insurance be deferred to a work session where it could be discussed further. He stated he wanted to look into the possibility of not using Barnes as agent for the City. Council generally agreed that they didn't want to do anything that would make insurance lapse but if the bill could be paid by the month until further discussion could take place, then that was the preferred approach. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to pay the bills with the exception of Barnes Insurance which would be discussed further at an upcoming work session.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 909 to amend the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code by revising title 12, chapter 1 section 12-102 (1) so as to update the building code for the City of Pigeon Forge was presented for the second reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 911 to amend section 407.3.1 ("planned unit development – general requirements – minimum site") of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor discussed setbacks proposed in the ordinance. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 774 authorizing the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool “Safety Partners” loss control matching grant program was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved.

Discussion and consideration of the City of Pigeon Forge’s Workplace Harassment Policy was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that this will update existing policy and include necessary changes. 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 contract with Wilbur Smith to provide professional services per TDOT’s Locally Managed Programs for the traffic signal at the Parkway and Music Road was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that the scope of services include: Environmental Services - \$6,500; Bid Documentation & TDOT Coordination - \$12,500; and CEI Services - \$18,000 for a total of \$37,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a settlement agreement with Uzi Maman regarding building signage was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass said that this was the business in Pigeon Forge with the shark over the door. Gass stated that this agreement allows extra tiles over the store for advertising. Commissioner Robinson asked if the existing sign would remain. City Attorney Gass stated it would remain. He said that the large ground sign would not be altered. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The City of Pigeon Forge received and energy grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the State of Tennessee.
2. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on July 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
3. Water will be turned off tomorrow July 13, 2010 on Birds Creek line to install a valve. The water should be off from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Per Public Works Director Miller, customers have been notified.
4. Wilbur Smith is sending plans to State for Birds Creek line.
5. Proposals are in process for the Dry Fork Sewer line.
6. There is a need for a work session soon to discuss various issues. A meeting may be scheduled during the week of July 26, 2010 through July 30, 2010.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Robinson asked about an opinion from City Attorney Gass regarding Toll Free Services contract. City Attorney Gass said that it was written and sent to City Hall. City Manager Teaster said that it should have been included in council packet so if any commissioner did not receive to let her know and she would make sure they received a copy.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER