

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure and City Manager Teaster were absent.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Ogle led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning text of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by adding sections 409.8.7 and 409.8.8 allowing alternative landscaping plans and requiring all plans conform to current edition of the right tree for the right place.

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

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Whaley and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2023-1151 to amend the zoning text of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by adding sections 409.8.7 and 409.8.8 allowing alternative landscaping plans and requiring all plans conform to current edition of the right tree for the right place was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2023-1154 to amend the following to the municipal floodplain damage prevention ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Article II. Definitions, Article

III. General Provisions, Article IV. Administration, Article V. Provisions for flood hazard reductions, Section A. General Standards, Section C. Standards for special flood hazard areas with established base flood elevations and floodways designated, Section D. Standards for areas of special flood hazard zones AE with established base flood elevations but without floodways designated, Article VI. Variance procedures, Section A. Board of floodplain review, and Article VII. legal status provisions and Section C. effective date was presented on the first reading. Assistant Community Planner Ferrada presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of a change order with Charles Blalock and Sons on Jake Thomas Road project for waterline bracing on the bridge crossing was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that the change order was in the amount of \$48,500. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a School Resource Officer grant from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and noted that this grant would be used to offset costs for an SRO at each of the four schools in Pigeon Forge. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a grant through the Firehouse Subs Foundation for the fire department was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that the grant would be for the purchase of a Polaris UTV. The grant program is 100 percent funded requiring no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate fire equipment to the Walden’s Creek Fire Department was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate fire equipment to the Wears Valley Fire Department was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a frontload trash truck for the sanitation department utilizing the Sourcewell contract from Stringfellow, Inc. was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$394,803. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from previous year to purchase uniforms from Read’s Uniform for public works, building maintenance, and parks and grounds was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by

Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a gas utility vehicle for the street department from Bobcat of Knoxville utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$25,800. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase two zero turn mowers for the street department from AG-Pro Companies utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$25,114. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 2024 dump truck for the street department from Worldwide Equipment, Inc. utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$135,161. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. The next city council meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER