

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022, 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 Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, 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 Watts.

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 Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Resolution No. 905 approving and adopting the amendment and restatement of the City of Pigeon Forge, Inc. Employees' Pension Trust and the City of Pigeon Forge, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that this resolution had been presented at prior meeting with incorrect resolution number so this was being presented for correction. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 906 authorizing the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in Public Entity Partners "Safety Partners" matching grant program was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted if awarded, the \$4,000 would be used to partially offset the cost of safety boots. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting "aye" the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of a change order from AstroTurf to convert 5 baseball fields to synthetic rubber and sand turf at Wear Farm City Park was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended option A which is \$481,118 above contract price or \$3,708,604 total cost. This will be funded from Ripken Baseball Park account. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Snyder Signs, Inc. to construct a sign for the LeConte Center was presented for approval. LeConte Center General Manager Campbell presented and recommended RFP in the amount of \$218,048. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the RFP as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a yearly support contract from Communications Resources, Inc. for the IT department was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$12,279. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a Google Transit Services agreement related to the ITS services for the mass transit department was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the agreement. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an amendment and restated agreement for the operations and maintenance services with the Professional Services Group, Inc. and Veolia Water North America was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended amendment seven which provides wastewater utility locates of City facilities and cataloging, maintaining and updating record drawings of the sewer system with approved software at an additional cost of \$9,166.67/month. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the rehab of the influent screen at the wastewater plant from Southern Constructors was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$87,570. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a pick-up truck for the water plant from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of

\$32,406. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase four pick-up trucks for the street department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Street Supervisor Rainbolt presented and noted that due to price increases, he recommended only purchasing three of the four trucks at this time. He recommended purchasing an F-150 at a cost of \$43,909, an F-250 at a cost of \$45,407, and an F-350 at a cost of \$72,804 for a total of \$162,120. He noted that they would wait on the additional F-250. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bids for maintenance parts and supplies for the fleet maintenance department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bids as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a Bobcat track loader for the street department from Bobcat of Knoxville utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$96,965.24. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a Cat backhoe for the street department from Stowers Machinery Corporation utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$126,667.72. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 2023 Peterbilt front load trash truck and extended warranty for the sanitation department from Stringfellow utilizing the sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$346,325 and extended warranty in the amount of \$8,280. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate items to the Friends of the Pigeon Forge Public Library was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of appointment to the beer board was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and recommended appointment of Elise Collier Massey to fill the unexpired term of Johnny Bohanan from his recent passing. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the appointment as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be a beer board meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. The grand opening of the new Residence Inn Hotel is planned for this Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER