

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 23 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 Brackins.

Mayor Whaley asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Laurie Holmes discussed that she wanted representation for wedding chapels on the Citizens Advisory Board. Her husband owns PF Wedding Chapel and they feel the wedding industry is in a crisis. She stated that chapels are closing and they would appreciate any help they could get.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, 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. 912 to amend section 20-404 and 20-405 of the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code citizens advisory board of directors and function of citizens advisory board of directors 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. Mayor Whaley stated that he wants the commissioners to be furnished with a list of members serving on the advisory board.

New Business

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development under the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant for a cooling tower for City Hall was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks noted that the grant would be in the amount of \$100,000

with an additional \$21,000 being required as the local match. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of request from the Old Mill to use "Stringtime" for a similar event at Old Mill Square was presented for approval. Executive Director of Tourism Downey noted that the City had produced "Stringtime" for about 6 years. Attendance has kept dropping over the years and money was not budgeted in the current year. The Old Mill has asked permission to continue the event and also use the name "Stringtime" for the event even though the City will retain ownership of the name. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for the purchase of new generation fire shelters for the Fire Department was presented for approval. Fire Inspector Price presented and stated that this would be a 50% state and 50% local match grant for a total of \$5,798. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior for rural fire assistance to purchase fire shelters for the Fire Department was presented for approval. Fire Inspector Price stated that this was a 100% federal grant in the amount of \$5,538 with no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a mower for the Street Department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that one bid had been received from Alpha Outdoor Power Equipment at a cost of \$7,874. 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 agreement with Tony Glenn Rast for sewer service to his property located on Sequoia Road was deferred to a later meeting.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on August 24, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. It will be three weeks until the next regularly scheduled council meeting.
3. City offices will be closed to observe the Labor Day Holiday on Monday September 6, 2010.
4. There will be two car shows in September and city staff is currently working with the shows regarding using the city parking lot.

5. The City received a letter from Jerry McCarter stating that Pauline Housholder donated \$11,319.74 to the Pigeon Forge Public Library. The donation does not state any restrictions.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Wear congratulated Police Chief Baldwin on being awarded the Joe Casey Police award.

Commissioner Wear also commended Public Works Director Miller's staff for mowing efforts on Waldens Creek road.

Commissioner Robinson wants to address mailboxes on the parkway as they are a mess. He stated that he would like to see an effort made to improve the appearance of them.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER