

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Robinson and second to motion by Commissioner Brackins.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Peggy Wilson asked about the status of a work session for her concern about carriage rides.

Charles Rhodes thanked street department for quick response to fixing low area on South River Road and asked about progress on condemnation.

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 Reagan, it was approved to accept the bills as presented. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 951 to amend section 18-111 of the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code as it relates to reconnection fees inside and outside the corporate limits was presented on the second reading. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Robinson, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 795 to accept a bid for exercise equipment and authorizing the execution of a lease agreement was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that bids were received on three elliptical machines for the community center and one treadmill for the fire department. It was recommended to accept the bid from FITCO with a lease of \$6,432.48

per year for three years. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Robinson, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 11 replacement office chairs through the U.S. Communities contract and via statewide contract #SWC238 for the administration department. City Recorder Clabo stated that the chairs would cost \$4,203.13 plus delivery and installation of \$462 for a total of \$4,665.13. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a commercial refuse truck utilizing the loss settlement funds from TML insurance from Stringfellow based upon their bid submitted on August 7, 2012 was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated that TML wrote the city a check in the amount of \$219,473 which was the recent bid amount by Stringfellow in the amount of \$220,473 less a \$1,000 deductible. It was noted that this bidder was recommended due to being a 2013 Mack truck with a Haul compactor. The vehicle lost in the fire was a 2003 Mack truck with a Haul compactor. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchases salt from Compass Minerals International for the street department was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that the City of Sevierville had prepared a joint bid including the City of Pigeon Forge and the City of Gatlinburg. The low bid recommended was in the amount of \$67.86. On a motion by Commissioner Reagan, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept an operating assistance grant from TDOT in the amount of \$277,669 for the trolley department was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine presented and noted that these funds would be used to help offset daily operational costs. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a memorandum of understanding between The City of Pigeon Forge and the Forever Parks Foundation was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks presented. Commissioner Robinson asked about the consultant getting a percentage of donations. Mr. Wilbanks stated that the consultant had already been paid for his services. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to utilize the Knox County Sheriff's Office bid to purchase ammunition for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and noted that the purchase would be made from Craig's Firearms in the amount of \$27,166.20. On a motion by Commissioner Robinson, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday August 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. A safety grant has been approved by TML in the amount of \$2,000.
3. City offices will be closed Monday September 3, 2012 for Labor Day.
4. There will be a bid opening for Jake Thomas Road on September 5, 2012.
5. Would like to have a work session next week. Will schedule for Tuesday September 4, 2012 in Meeting Room A of the City Hall Complex at 4:00 p.m.
6. A status update on condemnation was given by City Attorney Gass. It was noted that the condemnation action has been filed. No city funds have been spent. Further pending issues will be dealt with in the coming days.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to make available 2/3 of funds appropriated for portable toilets for rod runs to use during the two upcoming rod run events. The total amount appropriated for portable toilets for the year was \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reagan and it was approved to accept the request as presented. Mayor Wear voted no.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER