

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 1338** to de-annex certain property located at 2350 and 2354 Henderson Springs Road (tax map 82, parcels 86.01 & 86.05) from the corporate limits of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts to deny de-annexation, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion to approve on the first reading was denied.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Economic Development Administration for road infrastructure improvements and long-term tourism resilience and recovery plan and strategy was presented for approval. Terry Bowbrowski presented and noted that this should cover 15 intersections in Pigeon Forge and 55 intersections in Sevier County. The local portion that the City of Pigeon Forge will be responsible for is

\$714,090. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with Barge Design for engineering services for the greenway winterfest lighting was presented for approval. Casey Tyree with Barge presented and recommended proposal in amount of \$95,000. 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 a proposal for design and bid services for traffic signal projects from Cannon and Cannon Inc. was presented for approval. Alan Childers with Cannon and Cannon, Inc. presented and recommended contract in amount of \$48,500. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an engineering agreement with Cannon and Cannon for the traffic preemption project for the fire department was presented for approval. Deputy Chief Powers and Alan Childers presented and recommended agreement in amount of \$12,500. It was noted that this would be for the timing of the traffic lights and traffic pre-emption. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of new radio purchase for the fire department from LandAir Communications utilizing the Sevier County Communications bid was presented for approval. Deputy Chief Powers presented and recommended the purchaser in the amount of \$21,620.25. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase two 2023 F-150 crew cab 4wd pickup trucks for the fire department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Deputy Chief Powers presented and recommended the trucks at a cost of \$43,692 each for a total of \$87,384. It was noted that this was over their vehicle line item but would save funds in paramedic line due to not having any employees going to school this year. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 12 Ford Police Interceptors and 2 unmarked Ford Police Utility vehicles for the police department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Captain Adams presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$637,336. This purchase is over budget but various line items will be adjusted within the budget to cover this overage. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a software maintenance agreement from McCain Inc. for the support of the city's traffic controllers was presented for approval. IT Director

Ogle presented and recommended for ongoing support of the city's traffic controllers manufactured by McCain. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a bid to replace trolley and tram shelter signs from Fast Signs for the mass transit department was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and recommended the replacement of 85 trolley signs and 15 tram signs at a cost of \$58,500. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase winterfest lighting for the mass transit building from Universal Concepts was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$21,850. 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 purchase two 2022 F-150 crew cab 4wd pickup trucks for the utility department 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 \$35,303 each for a total of \$70,606. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 2023 F-550 regular cab 4wd 2-ton truck for the utility department 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 \$87,371. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of quotes to purchase steel toed boots from French's Boots and Smoky Mountain Farmers Co-op for public works, building maintenance, and the parks and recreation department was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. It was noted that if the safety grant was approved, funds from the grant would be used to offset a portion of the boot expense. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to reappoint a member to the airport authority was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster recommended reappointment of Kevin Blalock. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the appointment as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a job fair on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
2. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. The IDB will meet on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in meeting room A of the city hall complex.
4. The annual audit for the 2022 fiscal year will begin on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Whaley asked for prayers for the Brackins family.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER