

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015, 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 Brackins, Commissioner Maples, Commissioner Ogle, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested citizens.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

Before the regular meeting, Tourism Director Downey presented Martha the Passenger Pigeon as the new mascot for the City of Pigeon Forge.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Vice Mayor McClure.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

President of HOA for Brookstone Village, Tom Ludema asked for help with an old house near Brookstone Village that has trash in the yard, old mattresses, and very high grass that was very unsightly. Commissioners advised Mr. Ludema to work with City Manager Teaster and Public Works Director Miller to address issue.

Steven Houser with Stages West was in attendance to thank fire department and everyone that had helped during the recent fire at his business.

No other comments were received.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 822 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to approve and adopt certain defined contribution money purchase pension plan documents as authorized by the IRS was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of bid for a paving roller from Meade Equipment for the Street Department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the lowest bid that met specifications in the amount of \$34,036.52. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase three portable light towers utilizing the NJPA bid price for the Street Department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that the lights were \$7,488 each for a total of \$22,464. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from LDA Engineering for phase II design of a reuse line was presented for approval. Jason Brooks with LDA Engineering presented and noted that the lump sum fee was in the amount of \$75,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with LeConte Medical Center to operate the exercise/fitness program at the Community Center was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks presented and stated that the contract would be for three years. The initial year would cost \$110,033 and increase annually by three percent. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Before presenting final two listed agenda items, Mayor Wear recommended that they be handled by the City Manager due to not being over threshold to require council approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to remove item 10 and 11.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on August 25, 2015
2. There will be a beer board meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. TDOT has approved a CMAQ grant for traffic signalization to the City of Sevierville and the City of Pigeon Forge in the amount of \$1,145,000. This will be phase II of the grant, requires no local matching funds, and will be administered by the City of Sevierville.
4. The Adventure Tourism District has been approved for Pigeon Forge.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Maples thanked Steven Houser for his kind words towards fire department and other department personnel.

Commissioner Ogle, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, and Mayor Wear echoed Commissioner Maples' comments.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER