

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Wyrick, and interested citizens.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING 1**

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge Tennessee by rezoning 15 PUD homes on parcel A-1.00 of tax map 083-E, from R-1 (low density residential) district to R-2 (high density residential) district.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2**

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending article IV (“General Provisions”), by adding section 408.6.4.2 (“Murals”) to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to allow murals under certain conditions.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

**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.

John Mayberry thanked city council for their efforts with overnight rentals.

No other comments were received.

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

## Old Business

**Ordinance No. 1078** to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge Tennessee by rezoning 15 PUD homes on parcel A-1.00 of tax map 083-E, from R-1 (low density residential) district to R-2 (high density residential) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

**Ordinance No. 1079** to amend article IV (“General Provisions”), by adding section 408.6.4.2 (“Murals”) to the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to allow murals under certain conditions was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

## New Business

**Ordinance No. 1080** to replace Title 8, Chapter 2, entitled “Beer,” of the City of Pigeon Forge Municipal Code was presented on the first reading. City Attorney Wyrick presented and noted that this had been previously discussed at a work session. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading with recommended changes per City Attorney Wyrick.

**Ordinance No. 1081** to enact a temporary moratorium upon shared mobility vehicles within the City of Pigeon Forge was presented on the first reading. City Attorney Wyrick presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

**Resolution No. 865** to authorize purchases through the NPPGov was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of additional engineering services from Gresham Smith for the LeConte Center auxiliary parking lot and pedestrian bridge was presented for approval. Shap Stiles with Gresham Smith and Partners presented and noted that the contract would be in the amount of \$121,800. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a lease renewal for mail room postage equipment with Mail Finance for the department of tourism was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey stated that the contract would be \$688.98/month for 48 months. On a

motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase radios for the police department from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase of 6 mobile radios at a cost of \$7,495.72 each and 16 portable radios at a cost of \$7,486.91 each for a total of \$164,764.88. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase in car camera, body camera, and taser solution for the police department from AXON utilizing the NPPGov cooperative purchasing agreement was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$315,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase rifles for the police department for Visionary Solutions LLC utilizing a prior bid from February 2019 was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase of 35 rifles at a cost of \$1,050 each for a total of \$36,750. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a heart monitor/defibrillator for the fire department from Zoll Medical Corporation was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that the cost was in the amount of \$33,641.40. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase radios for the fire department from LandAir Communications utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase of 5 mobile radios at a cost of \$2,520.70, \$3,880.14, \$3,031.40, (2) \$4,403.56 and 5 portable radios at a cost of \$2,200.74 each for a total of \$29,243.06. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a Ford Explorer staff vehicle off the statewide contract for the mass transit department utilizing the 2019-2020, 5311 grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the purchase would be in the amount of \$34,320 and be 50% state funds and 50% local funds or \$17,160 each. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a Transtar LFT tram set off the statewide contract for mass transit department utilizing the 2019-2020, 5311 grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the

cost of the tram was \$425,606. It was noted that this is a 50% state match and 50% local match, or \$212,803 each. Motion was made by Commissioner Watts to approve and seconded by Vice Mayor McClure. Before the vote, City Recorder Clabo stated that vendor had stated that the cost from when previous tram had been purchased was supposed to increase by \$70,000. However, if the City would make a good faith deposit, the vendor would honor the price. A 10% deposit was suggested and agreeable from vendor in the amount of \$42,560.60. Following amendment to motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented with addition of deposit.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a new service truck off statewide contract for the mass transit department utilizing the 2019-2020, 5311 grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that purchase would be in the amount of \$22,235 and be 50% state funds and 50% local funds or \$11,117.50 each. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase an ADA van off the statewide contract for the mass transit department utilizing the 2019-2020, 5311 grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the purchase would be in the amount of \$48,172 and be 21.1% federal, 39.4% state, and 39.5% local or \$10,164.29, \$18,979.77, and \$19,027.94, respectively. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase four new trolleys from Hometown Trolley using the 2017 contract for the mass transit department utilizing the 2019-2020, 5339 grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the purchase would be in the amount of \$247,038.30 for a total of \$988,153.20. This grant is 85% federal, 7.5% state, and 7.5% local or \$839,930.22, \$74,111.49, and \$74,111.49, respectively. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase water/sewer pipe fittings for the utility department from Core & Main, G&C Supply, Southern Pipe, and Consolidated Pipe was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended purchasing from the low bidder on each item. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase monitor testers for traffic signals from Insight utilizing the public sector contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$14,474.48. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase traffic signal cameras and upgrades for the street department from Gridsmart was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase of 4 traffic cameras and 3 upgrades on cameras the city already has at a total cost of \$98,088. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a lawn tractor for the water plant from Farragut Lawn & Tractor was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$11,805. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase poles and mast arms for the new traffic signal on Wears Valley Road where the new school is being constructed was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$38,260. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a staff vehicle, an F-150 crew cab for the parks and recreation department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$31,429. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a negotiated bid price for the outdoor pool renovation at the community center from FTM Contracting was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the sole bid in the amount of \$1,456,150. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a slide for the outdoor pool renovation project utilizing a prior bid from Splashtacular was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$136,597. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a Blue Cross Healthy Place grant for new playgrounds for the parks and recreation department was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and requested to apply for the grant in the amount of approximately \$750,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on August 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. Working on a press release for Ridge Road closing for road construction.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Vice Mayor McClure said it was a great day honoring James Householder on Saturday August 10.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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

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