

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023, 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 Ogle.

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 Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 2023-925 authorizing the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to apply for a TDEC Competitive Regionalization ARP grant along with the application partners Sevier County Government and the City of Gatlinburg was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with the Sevier County School System for the Sevier Ready Internship Program was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated approximately 2-10 students would be participating in the program scheduled to last 15 weeks and cover various departments in city. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a facility use agreement with the Sevier County School System was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin

presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a tent for winterfest storage and the city's special events department from American Tent LLC was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$22,885.80. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase v-force turnout gear for the fire department from NAFECO utilizing the HGAC bid was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended purchasing 13 sets of gear at a cost of \$4,562 per set for a total of \$59,306. 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 a grant contract extension with TDEC for the Volkswagen Large Truck Grant Program for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that since the truck construction wasn't completed, TDEC will process a 180-day extension to the contract to allow time for truck to be finished. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept time extension as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a bucket truck for park maintenance department utilizing the Sourcewell contract from Altec Industries, Inc. was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$156,110. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract amendment with TDOT for the greenway grant from Patriot Park to Dollywood Lane was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and noted that the amendment raises the grant amount from \$949,654 to \$2,635,038.40, or an increase of \$1,685,384.40. This will cover 80% of the cost of construction. There is an additional amount of \$287,908 for CEI and TDOT engineering services. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase ammunition for the police department from Gulf State Distributors, Inc. utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$84,724.80. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase additional E-Citation devices for the police department from Tyler Technologies, Inc. under the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase of 8 additional devices at a total cost of \$29,080. 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 apply for the TDOT UROP grant for the mass transit department to be used for operating expenses was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the grant would be in the amount of \$710,800. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as requested.

Discussion and consideration of the yearly maintenance contract with Communications Resources, Inc. for the city's phone system was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$12,648. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase Auma Actuators for the water plant from the Perkinson Company was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$114,896. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Charles Blalock and Sons for the sewer line installation at Waldens Creek was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$240,625. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to reline culverts in the Old Mill Avenue area from Chris Haggard Plumbing, LLC was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$112,765. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an engineering agreement with Cannon and Cannon for Parkway traffic signal intersection upgrades was presented for approval. Wesley Stokes with Cannon and Cannon presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$49,750. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an engineering agreement with Collier Engineering Company for the bridge rehabilitation for the Old Mill Avenue Bridge was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$125,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an engineering agreement with Collier Engineering Company for the bridge rehabilitation for the Cole Drive bridge was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$150,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an engineering agreement with SSR for the Wears Valley sewer replacement project was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$223,500. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Tony Watts to the library board for three-year term was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The bid opening for the post office will be held Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall. The pre-bid meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the post office.
2. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance number 2023-1154 at the regular council meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023.
3. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
4. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
5. The Bronco show at the LeConte Center will be held next week and the Jeep Invasion show will be held the following week.
6. Would like to have a work session possibly next Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle asked to remember family of Jim Sidwell as his wife recently passed.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER