

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 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 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**

Discussion and consideration of a budget amendment to approve previously approved funds from prior year (2021-2022) fiscal year budget was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. 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 an interlocal agreement to establish cooperative traffic operations between the City of Sevierville and the City of Pigeon Forge was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to pave certain city streets approved in the 2022/2023 fiscal year budget to be completed by Charles Blalock and Sons was presented

for approval. Public Works Director presented and recommended paving all or a portion of the following streets: Iron Mountain, Iron Mountain Circle, Sycamore Street, Oldham Street, Winston Street, Wilson Street, Oak Point, Highland Park, Round Top, Hill Top Drive, Forest Drive, Tiger Drive, and Waldens Creek Road in an amount of \$1,924,828. \$176,462 remains in the paving budget that will be used towards additional streets to be paved in the spring from the 2023-2024 roads list. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to pave the public works compound areas not to exceed the budgeted amount to be completed by Charles Blalock and Sons was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended using the \$250,000 budgeted to pave area one and start area two and pave as much as possible until funds have been spent. The unpaved sections would be requested in a subsequent fiscal year. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to trade in the 1997 bobcat to Bobcat of Knoxville to purchase three new attachments for the street department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and it was noted that the trade-in value for the bobcat was \$10,000 and the attachments were in the amount of \$12,325.80, or a net difference of \$2,325.80. 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 bid for uniforms for the public works, building maintenance and parks/grounds departments from Read's Uniforms was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the sole bid from Read's Uniforms. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a UROP grant for the mass transit department to offset operating expenses was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the grant was in the amount of \$707,400. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for exterior cleaning of the mass transit facility from Ready Clean Exterior was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and noted that the contract would be good for two years. The bid would include two cleanings per year and cover all concrete loading platforms, front sidewalk and all concrete areas surrounding the facility and spot cleaning of oil stains at the trolley berths at a total cost of \$8,065.08 per year. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase SCBAs and air bottles for the fire department from Municipal Emergency Services utilizing the NPPGOV contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$88,310. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase fire hoses for the fire department from NAFECO utilizing the HGAC contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and it was noted that this would be for the new engine on order and hose that needed replaced. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a K-9 and the training from K-9 Solutions, Inc. for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and stated that this would be for one explosive detection K-9 at a cost of \$10,250 plus \$5,525.75 for handler training and on-site accommodations. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase mobile and portable radios for the police department from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented. The purchase is for 14 mobile radios and 15 portable radios for a total cost of \$280,397.09. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a replacement F-150 pickup truck for the building maintenance 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 \$42,509. 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 a shade structure for the new playground at city park from Cunningham Recreation utilizing the Omnia purchasing cooperative was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$60,870.01. 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 a new compact tractor for the park maintenance department from Ag-Pro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$43,353.93. 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 an agreement with Comcast for back-up internet service at city hall utilizing the GSA contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate the infill dirt/materials from the Wear Farm Park baseball fields to the City of Sevierville was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate the grass from the Wear Farm Park baseball fields to the Pigeon Forge High School was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. City offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022 to observe Labor Day.
3. Several upcoming events include the Jeep Invasion August 25-27, NQC September 25 – October 1, Shades of the Past September 9-11, and Pigeon Forge Rod Run September 15-17.
4. There will be an event at the LeConte Center on Wednesday, August 31 for international overdose awareness day.
5. Requesting permission to extend the agreement for closing on the welcome center property 5 additional days. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to extend the agreement as presented.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

No comments were received.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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

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