

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the following to the municipal floodplain damage prevention ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Article II. Definitions, Article III. General Provisions, Article IV. Administration, Article V. Provisions for flood hazard reductions, Section A. General Standards, Section C. Standards for special flood hazard areas with established base flood elevations and with floodways designated, Section D. Standards for areas of special flood hazard zones AE with established base flood elevations but without floodways designated, Article VI. Variance procedures, Section A. Board of floodplain review, and Article VII. Legal status provisions and Section C. Effective date.

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 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

Ordinance No. 2023-1154 to amend the following to the municipal floodplain damage prevention ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Article II. Definitions, Article III. General Provisions, Article IV. Administration, Article V. Provisions for flood hazard reductions, Section A. General Standards, Section C. Standards for special flood hazard areas with established base flood elevations and with floodways designated, Section D.

Standards for areas of special flood hazard zones AE with established base flood elevations but without floodways designated, Article VI. Variance procedures, Section A. Board of floodplain review, and Article VII. Legal status provisions and Section C. effective date was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 2023-926 to authorize an initial resolution for the issuance of not to exceed forty million dollars and no/100 dollars (\$40,000,000) general obligation bonds of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities was in attendance to present. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2023-927 authorizing the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to enter into a trademark consent agreement with Strings in the Mountains was presented for approval. City Attorney Rowell 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 a contract with D&S Builders for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) At-Risk Services for the construction of Fire Station No.1 Buildings and Police Headquarters Buildings, located on the City Hall Campus was presented for approval. Mike Smelcer with SRA Architects presented. He noted that this had been discussed previously at a work session and would answer any additional questions. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with LDA for engineering services for the Cain Hollow sewer project was presented for approval. Cory Newman with LDA presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$575,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a bucket truck for the street department from Altec Industries utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Street Supervisor Rainbolt presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$170,794. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of street paving and milling for the 2023-2024 budgeted city streets from PRI of East Tennessee was presented for approval. Street Supervisor Rainbolt presented and recommended the paving in the amount of \$884,630. 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 sweeper truck for the street department from Stringfellow utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Street Supervisor Rainbolt presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$357,640. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with Kronos for Ready HR software was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and noted that this should help streamline benefits administration and hiring process. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a mobile app for the police department from OCV, LLC was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$13,318.32. 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 donate dumbbells and a rack to the Sevier County Fire-Rescue was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. 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 apply for a cybersecurity grant from the State of Tennessee Local Cybersecurity grant program was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that this would be used for traffic intersections if approved. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept additional funding for the mass transit department for the State of Tennessee 5311 funding program was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the funds would be used for two trolleys. The allocation would be \$800,000 federal, \$100,000 state, and \$100,000 local. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase additional LED lighting at the LeConte Center utilizing the previous bid from Graybar Electric was presented for approval. LeConte Center Manager Campbell presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$186,575. Funds will be taken from other budgeted projects that will be pushed out to a future budget. 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 appoint two beer board members was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and recommended Steve Reagan to fill the seat for Jerry Wear as his term expires in September and Kevin Hawkins to fill seat for Bill Bradley who has decided to step down from board. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, 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, September 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. City offices will be closed Monday, September 4, 2023 to observe Labor Day.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked everyone for hard work during Jeep show.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER