

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013, 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 Ogle, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press 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 Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Vice Mayor McClure.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Tourism Director Downey thanked employees in the street and fire department for their help in moving tables and chairs into the LeConte Center.

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 Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Discussion and consideration to authorize the City Manager to accept request for proposals for the approximately 1 acre of vacant land at the North end of the Teaster Lane Municipal Parking Lot was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and said this was originally to be used for wetland mitigation credits but was later determined it was not needed. He further noted that the proposals would be brought back to council for consideration once received and reviewed. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan voted no.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon for engineering review services for the Ripken project was presented for approval. Steve Fritts with Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon stated that the agreement would not exceed \$20,000 and the review should be completed by November. 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 release rights to parking, but retain rights for the greenway trail on .15 acres of State Right of Way located on the North side of Community Center Drive and the Parkway was presented for approval. Mayor Wear stated that it was requested to defer this item to a work session. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to defer the agenda item to a work session.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase waterline pipe fittings for Lee Cardwell Circle and Scenic Hills Road projects from Southern Pipe and Supply was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the low bid from Southern Pipe and Supply for both projects as follows: 1) Lee Cardwell Circle - \$32,231.26 and 2) Scenic Hills Road - \$33,874.59. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a professional janitorial service support provider contract with Andy's Crew for the LeConte Center was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal to provide ATM service at the LeConte Center from Tennessee State Bank was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that 3 banks had submitted proposals and he recommended Tennessee State Bank. 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 bid to purchase a 2014 model crew cab 4X4 cab and chassis for the fire department from McNelly Whaley Ford was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$49,900. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the bid as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a wildland truck body for the fire department from UST Fire Apparatus was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$65,018. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was approved to accept the bid as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a lighting package for the fire department wildland truck from Truckers Lighthouse was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended to purchase off of the statewide contract. The following was recommended: 1) warning lights at a cost of \$3,909.50; 2) pole lights at a cost of \$2,158; and 3) sirens/speakers at a cost of \$778 for a total of \$6,845.50. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Karl Kreis to the Keep Sevier Beautiful Board was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and stated that Tom Garner was stepping down and Mr. Kreis was recommended. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday September 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be a beer board meeting on Wednesday September 25, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 968 and 969 on October 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
4. There will be a ribbon cutting at the LeConte Center on October 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
5. Would like to schedule a work session for Thursday October 3, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Reagan said he thought the sign at Mels Diner needed to be raised due to safety. He also thanked the street department for working on the intersections.

Mayor Wear stated he thought that an RFP and appraisal should be done on the old tourism building and parking lot section at the same time. Following discussion and on a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to do an appraisal and RFP on both properties. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Chief Watson invited everyone to the fire department open house on October 7, 2013 between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Chief Watson asked for permission to fix two trucks that were having issues. He asked for \$4,984.80 to be repaired by BST Fire Trucks for engine 27 and \$3,096.62 to be repaired by BST Fire Trucks for engine 21. It was recommended that Chief Watson use the funds appropriated for fencing in his budget to cover these expenses and to find the remaining approximate \$500 in his budget. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was approved to accept the request and presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Mayor Wear stated Officer Mashburn had recently received a Highway Safety Award and expressed his thanks for his service. It was noted by Police Chief Baldwin that Officer Atchley had received an award through M.A.D.D.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER