

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure was absent.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Ogle led in the pledge of allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Ogle and second to motion by Commissioner Watts.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Amy Martire was in attendance and stated that she had a parcel at 938 Mountain View Street and there is a fence line that doesn't match the property line and asked what could be done to get the fence removed. It was recommended that she start with public works and planning department.

Howard Reagan said he heard about possibility of additional new line from lake for increased water capacity and wanted council to consider adding a larger line than might be suggested for future growth. He also mentioned a dead tree near post office that needs addressed.

No other comments were received.

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

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 1139** to amend Ordinance No. 1134 annual appropriations for fiscal year 2022-2023 was presented on the first reading. City Recorder Clabo presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

**Resolution No. 907** to accept an appropriation from TDEC to be used for water system improvements as allowed by TDEC ARP grant guidelines and the City of Pigeon Forge accepting the transfer of funds from the City of Gatlinburg and Sevier County Government for their respective matches was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of an amendment to the brand license agreement and the Ripken Experience Pigeon Forge Management Agreement was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for demolition of the building located at 203 Pine Mountain Road from Total Demolition Services, Inc. was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the second lowest bidder at \$179,449 as they are able to start sooner. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal for grant administration services for the city from Community Development Partners, LLC was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept an ARPA grant from Tennessee Department of Tourist Development for marketing was presented for approval. Marketing Manager Carr presented. It was noted that funding would be allocated as follows: FY 2023 - \$710,510.02 federal; FY 2024 - \$448,743.17 federal; FY 2025 - \$448,743.17 federal; FY 2026 - \$448,743.17 federal; and FY 2027 - \$186,976.32 federal for a total of \$2,243,715.85. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a Co-op grant from the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development for marketing was presented for approval. Marketing Manager Carr presented and stated that this grant would be in the amount of \$50,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept an assistance to firefighters grant to purchase a gear washer/extractor for station 2 and a gear dryer for both station 1 and 2 was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented. It was noted that the grant is in the amount of \$37,636.36 with a required match of \$3,763.64 for a total of \$41,400. On a

motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase emergency lighting and equipment for the fire inspector vehicle and battalion vehicle from truckers lighthouse for the fire department utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$28,164.30. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 4 thermal imaging cameras from Emergency Vehicle Specialist for the fire department utilizing the HGAC contract was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$21,869.64. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase rescue equipment for Emergency Vehicle Specialist for the fire department utilizing the HGAC contract was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$64,834.50. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase technical rescue equipment from NAFECO for the fire department utilizing the HGAC contract was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$36,364.14. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase two salt spreaders and plows for the street department from Stringfellow utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$50,595.83. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the construction of a covered shed for the sanitation department from Reed Construction and Metal Structures was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$248,600. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a variable frequency drive for the water plant from Tennessee Associated Electric was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$55,709. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase water and sewer pipe fittings for the utility department from Core and Main, G&C Supply and Consolidated Pipe and Supply was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase three trucks from Ford of Murfreesboro for the park maintenance department utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Mayor Wear presented. The total cost was noted as \$102,074. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. The city will have a picnic for employees on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Wear Farm City Park.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle thanked the police and fire department for hard work during the car shows.

No other comments were received.

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

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

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