

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015, 3:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Maples, Commissioner Ogle, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of an agreement with Extenet a new telecommunications provider.** Eric Lovvorn, Jeff Reinhart, and Denis Hanes were in attendace to discuss. Mr. Lovvorn gave presentation. He discussed the process including using existing utility poles versus an area that may have underground utilities. He noted that the dark fiber that the City would be able to use had an estimated value of approximately \$427,500. This included approximately \$52,500 for lateral fiber feeds.

Following lengthy discussion including any potential risks regarding road closures and what is considered a reasonable fee for allowing company within city limits, council generally agreed to have staff continue to work on.

2. **Review and discussion of a land swap with Jere Loveday regarding property for the future Jake Thomas Road – John Hunter.** CDM Smith representative John Hunter discussed map of area. It was noted that no additional funds were being requested for the swap and that the City would be giving back property no longer needed in exchange for a parcel that was needed for the future Jake Thomas Road extension.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for approval.

3. **Review and discussion of Right-of-Way at the intersection of Dollywood Parks Boulevard and Veterans Boulevard – Brian Dudash.** Dollywood representative Brian Dudash presented and stated that the City no longer needed two tracts but could use an additional tract for possible extension of a city street. It was noted that no additional funds would be needed.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for approval.

4. **Review and discussion of a Retail Strategies proposal -** Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. It was noted that this proposal would help market Pigeon Forge to retailers and developers.

Following discussion, no direction was give as this was currently for information purposes only.

5. **Other -** Public Works Director Miller gave an update on the new median poles being installed. He informend council that the new parking lot poles were in route and would be installed before the National Quartet Convention began. He reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting for the new wastewater plant would be October 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

City Manager Teaster gave an update that the Honor Guard was hoping to move forward soon.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER