

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, 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.

Jonathan Ball spoke regarding Mountain Valley Winery and how ordinance could impact the business if something ever happened like a fire and they were unable to build back in same location. He requested a provision that would allow that site to rebuild.

No other comments were received.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ordinance No. 1082 to enact a moratorium of ninety (90) days upon applications for approval of wineries, distilleries, and breweries within the City of Pigeon Forge was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. There was discussion regarding the public request to allow rebuilding if a new ordinance was passed. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 866 adopting a plan of services for the Henderson Springs property located at tax map 82, parcels 58.00, 59.00, 59.01, 110.00, 113.00, 113.01, 113.02, 114.00, 114.01, 114.02, 114.03, 114.04, 115.00, 116.00, 116.01, 116.02, 117.00, 118.00, 118.01, &

122.01 was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 867 to annex certain property located at tax map 082, parcels 58.00, 59.00, 59.01, 110.00, 113.00, 113.01, 113.02, 114.00, 114.01, 114.02, 114.03, 114.04, 115.00, 116.00, 116.02, 117.00, 118.00, 118.01, & 122.01 and 2,300 feet of ROW of Henderson Springs Road, owned by Michael Shular and others annexed into the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 870 adopting a plan of services for the Sevier County School System property located at tax map 82, parcels 140.00 & 140.01 and tax map 93, parcels 164.00 was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Barge Design Solutions and Field Sports, Inc. for phase 1 services related to the Ripken Experience Pigeon Forge was presented for approval. David Bounds presented and recommended the proposal of up to three sites at cost of approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000 per site. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a transportation alternative grant (TAP) through The Tennessee Department of Transportation was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and stated that the total grant request was in the amount of \$1,535,401.52. This is an 80/20 grant with 20% being the local share in the amount of \$307,080.30. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant application as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a volunteer fire assistance grant from the Tennessee Division for Forestry (retroactive approval) was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the grant application in the amount of \$5,700. This is a 50/50 match with \$2,850 being the local portion. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant application as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase the firewise production video from Focus Media Services for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$38,400. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a hazard mitigation assistance grant for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and

recommended the application in the amount of \$7,200 to be used for sending four members of the Pigeon Forge Fire Department to Reno, NV for the International Association of Fire Chiefs Wildland Urban Interface Conference in March 2020. There is no local match related to this grant. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant application as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase emergency lighting for two vehicles from Truckers Lighthouse utilizing the statewide contract for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$14,906.80. 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 Janesville turnout gear from NAFECO for the fire department utilizing the NPPGov.com contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase of 7 sets of gear at a total cost of \$25,219. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Pigeon Forge Fire Department and the Tennessee Division of Forestry was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and noted that this would renew the existing agreement signed in 2014. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a Library Services and Technology grant for a new laptop computer was presented for approval. Library Director Nelson presented and recommended accepting the grant in the amount of \$1,684 to purchase a new laptop for the library programs and training. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate books to the Friends of the Pigeon Forge Public Library was presented for approval. Library Director Nelson presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.

3. The project funding regarding the STP grant for Wears Valley Road has been approved. A design contract will be brought back for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle thanked the police and fire department for representation at a recent leadership program day function.

Vice Mayor McClure asked for prayers for Rex McCarter's son.

Mayor Wear thanked all that were helping with National Quartet Convention.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER