

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Watts.

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 Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2023-1156 to amend Ordinance No. 2023-1153 annual appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024 was presented on the second reading. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Discussion and consideration of agreement with Avero Infrastructure to reroute fiber at the city hall complex for the IT department utilizing the Blount County MACNet fiber contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$25,261.48. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an annual service agreement with Hach Instrumentation for the wastewater treatment plant was presented for approval. Martin

Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$13,815. It was noted that this is a sole source item. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a capacity upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant sludge membrane thickener from Kubota Membrane USA. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$135,720. It was noted that this is a sole source item. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase two 2023 Ford F-150 trucks from Lonnie Cobb Ford for the utility department utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$41,968 each plus cost of vehicle tag. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 2023 Ford F-250 truck from Ford of Murfreesboro for the street department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$43,362 plus the cost of vehicle tags. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to amend the purchase order to purchase an International Dump Truck from Cumberland International Trucks for the street department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that due to emissions standards by the government, prices have increased by \$7,588.16 plus the costs of vehicle tag. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the amended purchase order as presented.

Discussion and consideration of change order #1 for the greenway project from Patriot Park to Dollywood Lane for additional electrical work was presented for approval. Shap Stiles with Gresham Smith presented and recommended the change order in the amount of \$24,129.21. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 9 mobile radios, 12 portable radios and 10 control station radios for the police department from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$258,213.17. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase 14 mobile radios for the police department from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract was presented for

approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$156,169.72. 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 purchase seven Ford Police Utility Interceptors and one unmarked Ford Police Utility Vehicle for the police department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$414,886. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase one Ford Police Responder F-150 for the police department from Ford of Murfreesboro utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$49,046 and the additional funds would come from the equitable sharing account. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a F-150 supercrew cab truck for the fire department from Tindol Ford was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$50,000. As part of this request, the original purchase order with Ford of Murfreesboro will be voided since they were unable to complete the order. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a "Safety Partners" grant from Public Entity Partners was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and recommended the grant in the amount of \$4,000 to offset a portion of the cost of safety boots for various departments. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate surplus furniture, chairs and other items to surrounding local governments was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. 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. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance number 2023-1155 at the regular council meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023.
2. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
3. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, October 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.

4. NQC started tonight at the LeConte Center.
5. The city picnic for employees will be held Wednesday, October 4, 2023 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Wear Farm City Park.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked everyone for their hard work during the recent car show.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER