

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, 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.

Devin Davis was in attendance and asked to read a statement that was intended to clarify his previously denied de-annexation request and for the city commission to reverse the decision to de-annex his property.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1139 to amend Ordinance No. 1134 annual appropriations for fiscal year 2022-2023 was presented on the second reading. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 908 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in the James L. Richardson “Driver Safety Training” matching grant program was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and stated that the requested grant would be used for bringing a driving simulator in for the police and fire department to train using various scenarios. The grant request is in the amount of \$2,500 and would require a 50%

local match. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 909 to authorize purchases through Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the installation of electrical services along the greenway for winterfest lighting was presented for approval. Casey Tyree with Barge presented and recommended sole bid from Stansell Electric in the amount of \$875,541.69. It was noted that this bid includes additional work for trench rock and removal and replacement of unsuitable material that would only be completed if necessary. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a safety grant from Public Entity Partners was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and stated that the grant had been awarded in the amount of \$4,000 and would require a \$4,000 match. The grant would be used to purchase safety boots for various departments. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal for engineering services from LDA for the replacement of a sewer line on Dugan Street was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the proposal in the amount of \$61,500. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a tapping machine for the utility department from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co. was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended purchase in the amount of \$29,852.92. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase an equipment trailer for the utility department from Gatormade, Inc. was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$15,990. 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 renew a contract with AXON for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$245,600.35. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for the police department to be used for DUI enforcement supplies and overtime was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended accepting the grant in the amount of \$5,000. This doesn't require a local match. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. It might be necessary to schedule a special called council meeting to discuss and consider process of additional line going to lake that will be part of a grant application.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

No comments were received.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER