

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, 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 Brackins, Commissioner Maples, Commissioner Ogle, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, 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 Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Commissioner Maples.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Rich Moser was in attendance and thanked those responsible for the road widening at Scenic Hills. He noted that some fire hydrants had been added and it was appreciated. He did request a white line painted on the road to define where the edge was as it was often difficult to determine.

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. 1007 to amend **Ordinance No. 984** annual appropriations for fiscal year 2014-2015 was presented on the second reading. City Recorder Clabo discussed amendment and noted one change since first reading. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Discussion and consideration to authorize the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed for a land swap with Jere Loveday to accommodate the future Jake Thomas Roadway was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented and stated that this transfer would give back property no longer needed by the City and obtain property that the City needed for the Jake Thomas Road extension. 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 authorize the Mayor to execute two quit claim deeds for donated Right-of-Way property along Veterans Boulevard back to Dollywood (tracts 1 & 2) and property donated to the City along Dollywood Parks Boulevard (tract 3) was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented and stated that tract 1 & 2 were no longer needed but tract 3 could be utilized as part of a city street. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to authorize the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed for donated Right-of-Way property along Veterans Boulevard (Old Middle Creek Road) back to McCarter Lumber Company was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass presented and stated that language was included in the quit claim deed to allow the City to retain access rights to utilities. Before the vote Mayor Wear disclosed that his mother-in-law works for the Title Company and wanted to disclose that fact but stated it would not impact his decision. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a scope increase from Romboll Environ for river monitoring associated with the new wastewater plant was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that the new permit requires additional testing that was not previously required. The additional fees are \$4,500. 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 repair a dump truck from Waters' Equipment Company for the wastewater plant was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and noted that the air cylinder used to raise and lower the dump bed needed replaced and an air bag that allows automatic operation of the truck's tri-axle needs replaced for a total of \$5,914.52. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a 4x4 pickup truck with a service bed from OG Hughes & Sons for the utility department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended low bid in the amount of \$31,374. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bids for traffic control signs and accessories for city streets was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended awarding bid to G&C Supply since they were the lowest bid on the majority of items. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The parks and recreation department would like to move forward with repaving the entire walking trail around the old city park. Part of the paving has been budgeted as part of the new wastewater project leaving approximately \$32,000 worth of paving.

2. There will be a planning commission meeting on October 27, 2015.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance No. 1009 and 1010 at the regularly scheduled council meeting on October 12, 2015.
4. There will be an open house for the new wastewater plant on Friday October 23, 2015.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Maples thanked everyone for hard work by staff during recent city events. He reminded everyone that at the next Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association meeting staff from Ripken will be there to give a presentation regarding the project.

Mayor Wear thanked everyone for their hard work during the National Quartet Convention.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER