

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. Commissioner Whaley was absent.

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.

No comments were received.

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

Mayor Wear read a proclamation recognizing organizers of Shades of the Past as they just completed their last car show event in Pigeon Forge after almost 40 years.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

**Resolution No. 910** declaring the intent of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to reimburse itself for certain expenditures in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed seven million and no/100 dollars (\$7,000,000) relating to municipal projects of the City with the proceeds of bonds or other debt obligations to be issued by the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution No. 911** to authorize the issuance of not to exceed thirty-five million and no/100 dollars (\$35,000,000) general obligation bonds of the City of Pigeon Forge,

Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution No. 912** authorizing the termination of a certain interest rate swap agreement of the Public Building Authority of Sevier County, Tennessee relating to certain of its bonds, the proceeds of which were loaned to the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of CEI services from CDM Smith and additional ROW acquisition costs for phase 4A of the Westside Connector Project was presented for approval. Jeff Mize with CDM Smith presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$284,775. 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 RFQ recommendation for engineering services from LDA/CDM Smith for the Douglas Lake line in-take project pending the approval of the Sevier Water Board was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the recommendation as presented.

Discussion and consideration of RFQ recommendation for engineering services from SSR for water plant improvements and the Walden’s Creek in-take project was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the recommendation as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract for engineering services from CDM Smith for the EDA joint grant was presented for approval. Terry Bobrowski noted that this item needed to be deferred to a future meeting.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the replacement of carpet at the special events offices from David’s Abbey Carpet was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the lowest bid that met specifications in the amount of \$11,200. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal to replace 3 automatic curtain roll divider curtains at the community center in the gymnasium from Toadvine Enterprises utilizing the Sourcewell Contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$89,900. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bids to purchase 10 commercial spin bikes for the community center from Design 2 Wellness was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the lowest bid that met specifications in the amount of \$17,469.70. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a joint hazard mitigation grant with the cities of Gatlinburg, Sevierville, Pitman Center, and Sevier County Government for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that if approved the local share from Pigeon Forge would be \$2,000. 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 apply for the U.S. Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant with the cities of Gatlinburg, Sevierville, Pitman Center, and Sevier County Government for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that if approved the local share from Pigeon Forge would be \$5,000. 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 donate structure firefighting coats and structure firefighting pants and spare/unused items to the Sevier County Rescue Squad was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to sell surplus vehicles and equipment on Gov. Deals was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. 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 appoint Tom Garner to the Keep Sevier Beautiful Board was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. We currently have two customers with very large water bills and wanted to mention as we have adjusted all that we can. Following discussion and on a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to adjust each bill back down to average bill.

3. Devin Davis has asked again that his request for deannexation be reconsidered at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Vice Mayor McClure asked for thoughts and prayers for Donnie Ball as he recovered from health issues.

Mayor Wear thanked the fire department for recent help with City of Gatlinburg fire.

No other comments were received.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER