

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending to article IV, section 408.4 (“general requirements – signs permitted in all districts”) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to adding section 408.4.1.1 “off premise parking signage” regarding parking signs for businesses with off premise parking areas.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding amending to article III, (“definitions”) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to define “storage yard”.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed

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.

LeConte Center Facility Manager Campbell noted that the National Quartet Convention overall went great and wanted to thank all staff that worked so well together.

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

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1009 to amend to article IV, section 408.4 (“general requirements – signs permitted in all districts”) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to adding section 408.4.1.1 “off premise parking signage” regarding parking signs for businesses with off premise parking areas was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 1010 to amend to article III, (“definitions”) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to define “storage yard” was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Discussion and consideration to purchase 10 portable radios for the 700MHz radio system from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and stated that the total cost was in the amount of \$69,848.88. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase ammunition from Craig’s Firearms utilizing the Knox County Sheriff’s Office bid was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and stated that the total cost was in the amount of \$29,770.10. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of agreements with ExteNet Systems, INC regarding Right-of-Way and a Dark Fiber was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented. It was noted that the City is being offered six dark fiber strands instead of four as originally proposed in the agreement as well a dog leg coming off the backbone to city buildings as a twelve strand fiber. On a motion by Commissioner Maples which noted that motion included making sure this was a non-exclusive agreement, and was seconded by Vice Mayor McClure. Following lengthy discussion, it was unanimously approved to accept the request with noted changes.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. There will be an employee picnic at 11:00 a.m. at Wear Farm Park on Friday, October 23, 2015.
3. There will be a ribbon cutting for the wastewater treatment plant on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
4. There will be a legislative luncheon on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Rocky Top Sports World in Gatlinburg.
5. There will be a Ripken presentation at the monthly Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
6. There will be a Tourism Talks meeting discussing marketing decisions on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

All commissioners thanked staff for all 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