

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding adopting a plan of services for the Sevier County School System property located at tax map 82, parcels 140.00 & 140.01, 141.00 and tax map 93, parcels 164.00.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding annexing certain lands located at tax map 082, parcels 140.0, 140.01, 141.00 & tax map 093, 164.00 and 730 feet of ROW of Jess Wilson Road, owned by the Sevier County School System and others annexed into the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

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

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 871 to annex certain lands located at tax map 082, parcels 140.0, 140.01, 141.00 & tax map 093, 164.00 and 730 feet of ROW of Jess Wilson Road, owned by the Sevier County School System and others annexed into the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance No. 1083 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning three parcels 58.00, 59.00, & 59.01 of tax map 082 from R-1 (low density residential) district to C-6 (mixed-use commercial) district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of a change order from Charles Blalock and Sons for the Laurelwood sewer project was presented for approval. Jason Brooks with LDA Engineering Services presented and noted that the major unit item that changed was the quantities for Type I paving replacement. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an amendment to the agreement with Gresham Smith for construction, engineering and inspection services for the new parking lot and pedestrian bridge was presented for approval. Shap Stiles with Gresham Smith was in attendance to request additional time of seven months to cover the construction schedule in the amount of \$399,610. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the amendment as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase financial software from Tyler Technologies was presented for approval. Finance Director Clabo presented and stated that this was being purchased on the Sourcewell contract and would replace Local Government that the city has used for many years. This will replace most software that city hall currently uses including general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, fixed assets, cashiering, business license, property taxes, utility billing, and personnel management. It was noted that the conversion is expected to take over a year to fully implement. 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 purchase prisoner transport systems and weapon lockers from Trucker’s Lighthouse for the police department utilizing the October 2017 bid was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$14,370. The purchase includes two prisoner transport systems and four weapons lockers. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase install/retrofit of Axon cameras for the rifles for the police department from Trucker’s Lighthouse utilizing the University of Tennessee contract price was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the retrofit of 50 vehicles at a total cost of \$25,000. On a motion by Vice

Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase equipment for the new police vehicles from Trucker's Lighthouse utilizing the University of Tennessee contract price was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended equipment for six new vehicles at total cost of \$19,936.90. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase lighting equipment from Trucker's Lighthouse for the police department utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended lighting equipment for six new vehicles at a cost of \$27,403.60. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate ballistic vests to Walter State Community College Regional Law Enforcement Academy was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended donating ten ballistic vests for cadets to use during training at the academy. 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 a bulletproof vest grant through the Department of Justice was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and stated that the application would request up to 50% reimbursement of qualified ballistic vests purchased for officers. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the application request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase uniforms for the police department from Read's Uniforms utilizing the October 2018 bid was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$24,934. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase license plate readers for the police department from Motorola Solutions utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase of two readers at a cost of \$20,977.50 each for a total of \$41,955. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase ammunition for the police department from Craig's Firearms utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$52,951.60. 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 purchase/install salt spreaders for the street department from Versalift Southeast was presented for approval. Per Public Works Director this is a sole source item. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase of two spreaders at a total cost of \$14,272.55. On a motion by Vice Mayor

McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion to purchase a brush cutter/mulcher for the utility department from Stowers CAT utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$38,160. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase Janesville turnout gear from NAFECO for the fire department utilizing the NPPgov.com contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and noted that this order would replace the order approved at the last council meeting as some of the quantities and pricing were incorrect. This will allow the purchase of nine complete sets of gear at a total cost of \$26,343. 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 bid for carpet replacement at the community center from David's Abbey Carpet was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$9,130. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for carpet replacement at the police department from David's Abbey carpet was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$34,516. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a shade structure for the playground at Wear Farm Park from Recreational Concepts utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$96,324. 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 purchase a new playground surface at Wear Farm Park from Recreational Concepts utilizing the HGAC Buy contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$48,666.70. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of appointments to the Beer Board was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster recommended Johnny Bohanan to serve on the board. This position will fill the opening as Tom Marsh has requested to come off the board. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. City office will be closed to observe Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, 2019.
2. Would like to reschedule the regularly scheduled council meeting on November 11, 2019 to Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
3. There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1082 at the regularly scheduled council meeting on October 28, 2019.
4. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
5. There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1083 at the council meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
6. There will be a picnic for city employees on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked the fire department for their efforts regarding the recent fire.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER