

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017, 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, 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 Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Maples.

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 Vice Mayor McClure, 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. 841 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to apply for an IMPROV Act capital grant for a new transit center was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that the grant being applied for was in an amount up to \$3 million. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of a trolley service agreement with the City of Sevierville was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that the previous agreement was expiring and this would allow the agreement to continue for an additional three years. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal to purchase the former tourism building located at 2750 Parkway from Uncle Lem’s was presented for approval. Parks and

Recreation Director Goodwin presented and noted that six proposals had been received and it was recommended that the proposal from Uncle Lem's be accepted with a purchase price of \$1,525,000. The proposal also offers the City 1% of revenues for greenway and blueway improvements which is estimated to be \$202,077 over a four year period. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for signalized intersection modernization from Temple Inc. and Progression Electric for installation was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the bid from Temple, Inc. in the amount of \$5,578 for Teaster Lane/Veteran's Boulevard and \$8,131 for Jayell Road /Veteran's Boulevard for the materials and from Progression Electric in the amount of \$21,295 for Teaster Lane/Veteran's Boulevard and \$25,295 for Jayell Road/Veteran's Boulevard for installation for a total of \$60,299. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a gridsmart camera for the Conner Heights traffic signal was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that the loops are no longer working and the gridsmart cameras are already installed and being utilized on the parkway. He recommended the purchase in the amount of \$19,950. 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 purchase a tandem dump truck for the utility department from MHC Kenworth-Knoxville utilizing the NJPA contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$99,588.87. 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 an agreement with Gresham Smith and Partners for engineering services for Ridge Road realignment and intersection improvements was presented for approval. Jason Brady with Gresham Smith and Partners presented and noted that the services will be performed at a not to exceed amount of \$96,300 as follows: 1) survey - \$13,300; 2) ROW plans phase - \$31,000; 3) signal plans - \$15,500; 4) construction plans phase - \$29,000; and 5) bidding phase services - \$7,500. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate books from the Pigeon Forge Public Library to the Friends of Pigeon Forge Public Library or local schools was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. Winterfest kickoff will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Patriot Park.
3. City office will be closed Friday, November 10, 2017 to observe Veterans Day.
4. The Halloween event at the Community Center will be Thursday October 26, 2017.
5. There will be no beer board meeting this month.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear mentioned that City Attorney Gass had been sworn in as judge today and wanted to congratulate him and thank him for all of his years of service to the City.

All Commissioner echoed the sentiment of Mayor Wear regarding City Attorney Gass.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER