

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Vice Mayor McClure called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. Mayor Wear, Commissioner Whaley, and City Manager Teaster were absent.

Vice Mayor McClure opened the meeting and led in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Ogle and second to motion by Commissioner Watts.

Vice Mayor McClure asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Chad Ayers spoke regarding his deannexation request and expressed his frustration regarding this process.

Devin Davis along with daughter Bailey Davis spoke regarding deannexation request and noted that he wanted to be able to rent part of his home and live in the other. He asked council to consider reversing their decision.

Extasy Grinn spoke about the process of deannexation or changing from an R-1 to R-2 zone and asked why she can't apply for R-2 zoning.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, 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. 913 updating the authorization of purchases through Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance – NJPA) was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration to accept a driver training grant from Public Entity Partners to be used for driver safety training was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and noted that the grant was in the amount of \$1,250 but required invoices of at least \$2,500 to received full reimbursement. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order with Tyler Technologies for the finance department was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and recommended the change order in the amount of \$87,075. 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 two trolleys from Hometown Trolley utilizing the bid from November 2021 with the FTA/TDOT grant funds was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$473,431.40 each for a total of \$946,862.80. 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 Auma Actuators for the water plant from The Perkinson Company as a sole source item was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase of 16 actuators at a cost of \$6,395 each for a total of \$102,325. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase programming and termination of actuators for the water plant from MR Systems as a sole source item was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$35,630.00. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase waterline pipe for the utility department from Ferguson Waterworks, Inc. was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and noted that TDOT has asked the City to purchase pipe for relocation of waterline at south end bridge repair and be reimbursed by TDOT in the amount of \$69,414. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a violent crime intervention fund from the State of Tennessee for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and stated that the grant could be up to \$156,000 and require no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.

2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th, to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.
4. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be on November 28, 2022.
5. The ongoing litigation regarding the City of Pigeon Forge's response in opposition to defendant's motion for interlocutory appeal and motion for stay with RLR will be presented tomorrow at the Sevier County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m.

Vice Mayor McClure asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle thanked all those that worked hard on the Winterfest lights and having them up and on by the kickoff.

No other comments were received.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER