

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 2010, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

Mayor Whaley 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 Wear.

Mayor Whaley asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Charles Rhodes asked about steering committee process for the booking engine. Mayor Whaley stated that there was nothing new to report.

Eric Baker asked if the booking engine is a definite. Mayor Whaley explained that work is still being done regarding the booking engine and no decisions have been made.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the bills as noted. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 778 accepting a bid for mowing equipment and authorizing the execution of a lease agreement was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks recommended that the City accept the low bid from Smith Turf & Irrigation Co. in the amount of \$14,940 at \$415/month for 36 months. He added that this would reduce the annual maintenance costs. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid and lease as presented.

Discussion and consideration to proceed with sale of Economic Recovery Zone Development Bonds in the amount of a \$45 million dollar bond issue for the new wastewater treatment plant project was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Morgan Keegan discussed that the bonds would be taxable bonds with a 45 percent rebate from the Treasury on interest. Standard & Poor's has issued a rating for the City of Pigeon Forge of AA. The sale is set, if approved by council, to go to market tomorrow through bid, Tuesday December 14, 2010. Assistant City Manager Brackins discussed the proposed timeline of the project. Following discussion and on a motion Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved accept the bond sale as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase three mobile data terminals from L3 Communications/Mobile Vision off the statewide contract for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin stated that the unit cost would be \$6,714.95 each for a total of \$20,144.85. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase three in car camera systems from L3 Communications/Mobile Vision off the statewide contract for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin stated that the unit cost would be \$4,920 (including shipping) each for a total of \$14,760. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase water plant chemicals was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that bids had been received from 10 vendors. He recommended awarding of lowest bids as follows: American Development for Aqua-Mag at a cost of \$10.25 gal, and Flouride at a cost of \$3.65 gal; Dycho Co. for Caustic Soda at a cost of \$.0785 lb, and Bleach at a cost of \$.707 gal; and Delta Chemical for Coagulant at a cost of \$.208 lb. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal for the design of a gravity sewer line for the Applewood and Hickory Manor area was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that the fees would include gravity sewer design package - \$7,100; surveying services - \$2,000; construction support - \$1,000; and estimated expenses (travel, printing, shipping, etc.) - \$500 for a total of \$10,600. He noted that approximately 25 structures would be impacted. Commissioner Robinson asked about commitment from owners to tie on to system. It was clarified that once a service was made available to a customer, they would begin to be charged for the service. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase fire shelters from the Fire Store for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson explained that

these items would be purchased from a bid that was awarded in March 2010. He noted that the cost should be approximately \$7,746 depending on shipping costs for the shelters. These shelters are being purchased through a Rural Fire Assistance Grant. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Judy Harrell to the Pigeon Forge Planning Commission was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that this appointment would serve in the Mayor's position. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to provide up to \$10,000 of funding to the Sevier County Economic Development Council for a feasibility study for a youth sports tournament park for Sevier County was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that this was a request that Allen Newton had presented at a previous meeting. Commissioner Robinson asked if this would negatively impact the City of Pigeon Forge. Commissioner Wear stated that the study is vital to see what impact this could have on the City. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Wear abstained from the vote.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The next regularly scheduled council meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2010 and the offices will be closed that day to observe the Christmas Holiday. Council agreed to cancel the December 27, 2010 meeting.
2. City offices will be closed December 24th, 27th, and 31st 2010 to observe the Christmas Holiday and New Year's Day.
3. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on December 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall. Afterward will be the Christmas Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
4. Easements are being prepared for the Dry Fork Interceptor.
5. The City is currently waiting on environmental clearance on the proposed traffic signal.
6. There will be a beer board meeting on December 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
7. Commissioners were given a letter from Standard & Poors regarding the City's new bond rating.
8. The City Christmas lunch will be Wednesday December 15, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pigeon Forge Community Center.

9. The Tourism Advisory Board will have a Christmas lunch on Thursday December 16, 2010 at Partridge & Pear Restaurant.
10. The fire department will have a Christmas dinner on Thursday December 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pigeon Forge Community Center.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the board.

City Recorder Clabo asked council if they would be ok to pay bills that would risk being past due since the December 27, 2010 meeting would be canceled. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to allow City Recorder Clabo to pay necessary bills.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER