

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019, 3:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested parties. Assistant City Manager Brackins was absent.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of Opioid class action information** – City Attorney Rowell and Attorney Matt Conn were in attendance to discuss. Mr. Conn discussed the options that the City of Pigeon Forge could take. He recommended joining the multidistrict litigation (MDL).

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

2. **Review and discussion of possible annexation of Jess Davis property located at River Divide Road and Henderson Chapel Road** – Community Development Director Taylor presented and stated that the concern for the city would be water and sewer. Developer Michael Grade discussed the proposal of developing sports fields that could handle various sporting events. He noted that once site was ready it would take approximately 120 to construct fields.

Following discussion, council directed staff to continue to work on details.

3. **Review and discussion of an engineering study and design services for the water system connection at Laurel Branch** – Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that a connection is possible between Laurel Branch and the Summit but it appears the connection will require valve improvements. It was noted that valve improvements will cost approximately \$30,000 including engineering, valve(s), and labor. It was discussed whether or not developer should share in the costs.

Following discussion, council directed staff to continue to work on.

4. **Other** – Jack Parton with Sevier County Board of Education was in attendance to request assistance from the city to retrofit the Pigeon Forge Junior High School. He asked for approximately \$100,000 in assistance. Commissioner Maples recommended utilizing funds that have been received from July 2019 to June 2019 in mixed drink funds, then reduce the amount

appropriated in the upcoming year by the approximate \$100,000 and then divide remaining amount equally between schools.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER