

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 08, 2024, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Ogle led in the pledge of allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Mika Race of 362 Ogle Drive was in attendance and stated that the city is taking her house and she is not a willing participant. She stated that she was fighting for what she was entitled to and asked why the Westside Connector Road design was moved to avoid the campground.

Randy Brown of 3246 Mill Street was in attendance and asked why the direction of the road had been changed. He stated that it appeared to be done to avoid the campground. He also asked what the standard was for taking property.

Charlotte Lucas of 336 Park View Circle was in attendance and asked when she would be told what is happening to her property. She asked what the next steps were, what other properties are being impacted, and asked for a list of those properties.

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**

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Axon Investigations for the police department utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$16,980. On a motion by

Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the Henderson Springs Road water and sewer project from Adams and Sons, Inc. was presented for approval. Will Littlejohn with Cannon & Cannon was in attendance and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$1,926,000. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a license agreement with the State of Tennessee for the greenway project on the ROW of State Route 71 was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and stated that this same agreement was entered in 2013 and this would extend the agreement another 10 years. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. City offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
3. The State of the City will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at the LeConte Center.
4. A work session is needed in the next few weeks.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle asked who would respond to the questions tonight.

Mayor Wear addressed everyone in attendance and generally discussed the Westside Connector project. It was noted that city staff would assist with answering specific questions.

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

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

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