

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022, 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 Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. Commissioner Ogle was absent.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel 102 and a portion of parcel 101 of tax map 83 and 600 feet of R.O.W. of Sugar Hollow Road from the C-4 (planned unit – commercial) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Watts.

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 Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1127 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel 102 and a portion of parcel 101 of tax map 83 and 600 feet of R.O.W. of Sugar Hollow Road from the C-4 (planned unit – commercial) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 1128 to amend the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by amending section 408.9.1.2 setting total signage for non-multi-tenant establishments in the C-1, C-2, & M-1 districts was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of proposal for an audio and audio distribution system for the Ripken Experience complex from M3Technology Group was presented for approval. Ripken General Manager Bounds along with Caleb Miles presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$61,106. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase fitness equipment for the old playground site from Cunningham Recreation/Game Time for the parks and recreation utilizing the Omnia contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$78,608.03. It was noted that Leadership Sevier has been raising funds to assist with the project. They intend to contribute between \$10,000 to \$15,000 towards the purchase. It was requested that once the donation amount was determined, the remaining portion would be funded by the City. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to install new flooring on the indoor walking track at the community center from Kiefer USA utilizing the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Contract was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$97,400. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a grant match for the joint EDA grant between Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg and Sevierville was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that the project was in the amount of \$7,500,000. This cost includes a local match, TDOT overmatch, and federal match. Regarding the local match that will be split between three cities and county, the local match for the City of Pigeon Forge is \$714,090. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration for Hope Medical to conduct annual physicals for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the physical exams in the amount of \$17,664. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a digester blower overhaul for the wastewater plant from Aerzen USA. This is a sole source item. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$25,837. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance number 1128 at the regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022.
4. The State of the City has been moved to the Pirates Voyage location.
5. Would like to have a work session possibly on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER