

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 28 2011, 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 Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens. Commissioner Brackins was absent.

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.

James Overstreet asked what would happen if liquor sales are approved in Pigeon Forge. Mayor Whaley stated that it was up to the voters and not the commissioners to decide if liquor sales would pass.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, 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**

Discussion and consideration to purchase a K-9 for the Police Department was presented for approval. Police Chief Baldwin presented and stated that he recommended purchasing from Jeff Wisecarver, owner of Quality K-9, at a cost of \$10,500. Baldwin noted that this includes training costs and out of town travel for training will not be necessary since the trainer is in Morristown, Tennessee. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a bid for pest control for City Buildings from Raymond's Pest Control was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that two bids had been received and he recommended the lowest bid from Raymond's Pest Control at a cost of \$6,174. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant for a climbing wall for the Community Center was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that a grant had been received from the Center of Physical Activity and Health in Youth at Middle Tennessee State University in the amount of \$8,854.63. The grant requires no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to add new state of the art controls to the new cooling tower at City Hall was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that this will allow the cooling tower recently purchased to operate to its fullest capacity. The Trane controller will fall under the warranty work and maintenance contract as all the large HVAC equipment. The cost for the controls is \$11,552.29 and funds will be moved within the department's budget. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to combine two TDOT grants into one grant to construct the greenway from the end of Riverwalk Village to the current City Park was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks stated that two grants were currently open (2000 and 2001 grants) that were intended to be used for Phase II and Phase III of the greenway. Since there have been ongoing problems with certain properties regarding obtaining right-of-ways, it is recommended that the section from Patriot Park to Jehu Street be put on hold and instead focus on section from the north end of Riverwalk Village to City Park. Combining the two grants will total \$847,995. Wilbanks added that there was no guarantee that the State will allow the grants to be combined. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of City Streets to be striped was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that the streets to be striped were: Rena Street (from Pine Mountain to Valley Drive) – 1,350' 2-Y; Rena Street (from Valley Drive to Ogle Drive) – 1,320' 1-Y; Valley Drive (from Parkway to Black Oak Street) – 1,910' 2-Y; Too View (from Valley Drive to 4-way stop) – 930' 2-Y; Pine Mountain (from new Pavement) – 1,020' 2-Y, 2-W; East Wear Valley (from Parkway to Teaster Lane) – 820' 2-Y, 2-W, 48' stop bar, 4 only, 3 left arrows, 3 right arrows, 2 left/straight combo; Keegan Drive (from CA King Boulevard to Willa View Drive) – 920' 2-Y 2-W; Willa View Drive (from Pine Mountain to Keegan Drive) – 1,700' 2-Y, 2-W. Total cost for striping is \$5,296.30.

Miller stated that roads recommended for paving were: Valley View – 1,910' X 24' at a cost of \$52,200; Two View Street – 930' X 20' at a cost of \$20,700; and Hickory Drive – 3,835' X 22' at a cost of \$93,150 for a total of \$166,050. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a bid for printing of brochures for the Trolley Department from Interstate Graphics of Morristown was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine stated that five bids were received and he recommended the low bid from Interstate Graphics of Morristown at a cost of \$9,021 for 250,000 brochures. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a bid for a compact crew cab truck for the Trolley Department from Cardinal Chrysler, Dodge, & Jeep of Memphis was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine stated that six bids had been received and he recommended the low bid from Cardinal Chrysler, Dodge, & Jeep at a cost of \$17,564.36. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to reject a bid for trams for the Trolley Department from Trams International was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Marine noted that only one bid had been received from Trams International in the amount of \$586,456 exceeding the budgeted amount of \$500,000. Further, there were several exceptions to the bid specifications. He recommended rejecting the bid and modifying the specifications to accommodate a change in the type of trams now needed. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to reject the bid as presented and rebid.

Discussion and consideration to accept a bid for the City IVR Solution for the Tourism Department from ACI was presented for approval. Information Technology Director Ogle discussed bid and stated that he believes ACI has the best use of technology to meet this particular need. It was noted that the estimated cost for first year would be \$29,860.40. The estimated annual cost starting with year two would be \$4,560.40. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The next regularly scheduled council meetings will be April 11, 2011 and April 25, 2011.
2. There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinances 922, 923, and 924 on April 11, 2011.

3. The City will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 4, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
4. There will be a Beer Board Meeting on April 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall and the regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2011 has been canceled.
5. The Department of Tourism will be hosting the Guest Excellence program on March 30, 2011 and March 31, 2011 to be held at the Holiday Inn.
6. City Manager Teaster asked if the commissioners wanted to direct her to submit a letter to SSR to design the wastewater plant to be LEED certified without actually going through the process to receive the actual certification. Council agreed that they were fine with that concept.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Whaley said he wanted to apologize ahead of time for being out of town on Monday April 4, 2011 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Mayor Whaley asked everyone to remember Commissioner Brackins' family for the loss of a relative.

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

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

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