

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, Assistant Finance Director Baiamonte, 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

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending 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.

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.

Citizen Jerry Hanson spoke against rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.
Knoxville realtor Pam Potite spoke for rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.
Citizen Christina Morris spoke against rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.
Citizen James Smith spoke against rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.
Citizen John Mayberry spoke against rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.
Citizen Bozena Hyziak spoke against rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.
Citizen Roger Fuller spoke against rezoning on Monte Wood Circle.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old 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 second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 1129 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel 149.08 of tax map 094 at 655 Monte Wood Circle from the R-1 (low density residential) district to R-2 (high density residential) district was presented on the first 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 denied on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 1130 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel C-40 of tax map 083O at 614 Laurel Drive from the R-1 (low density residential) district to R-2 (high density residential) district was presented on the first 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 denied on the on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 1131 to amend The City of Pigeon Forge Employee Handbook by revising the City’s Drug and Alcohol Policies incorporated into the handbook by reference was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 1132 to close abandon .21 acres of R.O.W. along Teaster lane located on lot 9R-1 and lot 8R and be incorporated into the Mike Shular tract was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 902 authorizing the publication of notice regarding delinquent taxes, penalties and interest for the year 2020 was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration to dispose of surplus city vehicles and property on the GovDeals website was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order to complete a survey of the fields at Wear Farm City Park from FitFields related to the converting the fields to synthetic turf was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the change order for an additional \$7,300.00. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with the Dollywood Company for the construction of an access road was presented for approval. Dollywood Representative Eugene Naughton presented and requested that the city pay half of the cost up to \$477,928.93. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the installation of two traffic signal replacements at the intersections of Wears Valley Road & Parkway and Jake Thomas Road & Parkway was presented for approval. Alan Childers from Cannon & Cannon presented and recommended the low bid from Stansell Electric Company in the amount of \$534,440.00. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase LED lighting and products for the LeConte Center was presented for approval. LeConte Center Director Campbell presented and recommended the low bid from Graybar in the amount of \$60,900.00. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase to purchase 40 spare cash boxes for the new fare box system installed in the Mass Transit Department trolleys was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and recommended the sole source purchase from Connexionz in the amount of \$80,720.00. The FTA/TDOT 7853111-S3-071 grant will cover \$56,945.50 and the cities portion will be \$23,774.50. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for the State of Tennessee UROP grant for the Mass Transit Department was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and recommended the grant that will cover operating expenses in the amount of \$688,200.00. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to continue the maintenance contract for the Flock cameras with Flock Safety for the Police Department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the sole source contract in the amount of \$20,000.00. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase uniforms for the Police Department from Read's Uniforms utilizing the bid from January 4th, 2022 was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount \$25,264.55. 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 an agreement with the City of Sevierville Parks and Recreation Department to play interleague baseball games was presented for approval. Park Director Goodwin presented and recommended the agreement. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a utility vehicle and a motorized fertilizer/sprayer for the Parks Maintenance Department from Smith Turf and Irrigation utilizing the Sourcewell Contract was presented for approval. Park Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchases in the amount of \$30,100.77. A trade-in credit of \$17,500.00 on a deep tine aerator and a rotary mower would make the final cost \$12,600.77. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to pave the walking trail at Patriot Park utilizing the Charles Blalock and Sons existing paving contract was presented for approval. Park Director Goodwin presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$45,980.00. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the construction of a storage building for the Park Maintenance Department was presented for approval. Park Director Goodwin presented and recommended the low bid from Citadel Construction in the amount of \$77,500.00. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of engineering services from Gresham Smith for the design of the greenway from Dollywood Lane to East River Road was presented for approval. Park Director Goodwin presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$171,900.00. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase water meters from Consolidated Pipe and Supply a sole source provider and yokes from Core and Main at the annual bid price for the Utility Department was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and recommended the purchase of 200 meters for \$299,000.00 and 75 yokes for \$74,227.50. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchases as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase fireworks for the 32nd Annual Patriot Festival was presented for approval. Special Events Director Elder presented and recommended the lone bid from Pyro Shows in the amount of \$30,000.00. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for stage, sound and lights for the 32nd Annual Patriot Festival was presented for approval. Special Events Director Elder presented and recommended the lone bid from RCS Productions Inc. in the amount of \$25,964.00. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The State of the City address will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pirates Voyage.
2. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
3. The Beer Board will meet on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
4. Jason Brooks from LDA Engineering advised that a change order request will be proposed for the Broady Hills Lift Station upgrade due to an unknown connection found during construction.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER