

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024, 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 Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens.

Mayor Wear 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 Watts.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Tommy Wear spoke about moving the road for the West Side Connector project.

Charlotte Lucas asked why the owner of the campground was allowed to put utilities on her property line.

Mika Race stated that the city needed to right their wrong regarding the Westside Connector road.

Kim Clabo spoke about videos being posted and her equipment being tampered with on campground project and asked those responsible to please keep her employees out of issue with the city.

Bryan Patrick stated if city knew the road for Westside Connector was going forward, why weren't owners notified.

Debbie Wear asked why Mayor Wear was involved in decision making if he had financial interest in campground.

Mayor Wear commented that he is not an owner of the campground.

No other comments were received.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 2024-936 to authorize the publication of notice regarding delinquent taxes, penalties and interest for the year 2022 was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration to donate a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer to the Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge Airport Authority was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a cyber-security grant for the IT department from Public Entity Partners was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and stated that \$2,000 would be funded through the grant. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a pure storage data array and installation for the IT department from Insight Public Sector utilizing the IT Products and Services contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$49,629.26. 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 accept a grant from the State of Tennessee for a rescue/spreader/cutter combination tool for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and noted that the purchase would be in the amount of \$14,809 and require no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to utilize Sitemed North America to conduct annual physicals for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$44,947. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters grant to purchase a fire skid unit for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and noted that this grant would be in the amount of \$40,000 and

require a 10% local match if approved. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an estimate to repair Tower 28 from Sutphen Corporation for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the repairs in the amount of approximately \$70,000. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the repairs as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase two (2) police motorcycles for the police department from Alcoa Good Times, Inc. was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$25,938.05 each for a total of \$51,876.10. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase equipment and installs for the new police vehicles from Truckers Lighthouse for the police department utilizing the University of Tennessee contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented. It was noted that the grant is in the amount of \$5,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with the City of Sevierville to operate a joint youth baseball program was presented for approval. Community Center Manager Cave presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance Numbers 2024-1157 and 2024-1158 at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 in the city council room at city hall.
2. The road extension on Jake Thomas road is scheduled to open this Thursday, March 28, 2024.
3. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
4. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.

5. City offices will be closed this Friday, March 29, 2024 to observe Good Friday holiday.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER