

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2014, 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested parties. Mayor Wear was absent.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of an intersection on Veterans Boulevard at the entrance to Dollywood's Dream More Resort** – Jeff Mize with CDM Smith discussed the proposed intersection. He noted that the signal would cost approximately \$150,000, the roadwork would cost approximately \$300,000, and the design work would cost \$53,700. It was further discussed that the resort was scheduled to open in the summer of 2015.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put design work on upcoming agenda.

2. **Review and discussion of the proposed building for the Boys and Girls Club** – Jim Arwood was in attendance to discuss. He stated that they hoped to raise 50 percent of the funds before starting construction but they would like to start near the end of the year. The projected cost is approximately 1.5 million. Mr. Arwood also discussed the layout of the building.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put lease between the City of Pigeon Forge and the Boys and Girls Club on an upcoming agenda.

3. **Review and discussion of a Letter of Understanding regarding the transfer and supplement of Trolley operating grant funds from Sevierville to Pigeon Forge** – Assistant City Manager Brackins discussed the possibility of the City of Pigeon Forge reducing the trolley operations in the City of Sevierville with the exception of the route by Five Oaks, Collier Drive, Walmart, and Apple Barn. This route is proposed to be funded by an operating grant from TDOT with any shortfall being absorbed by the City of Sevierville. The City of Sevierville has also asked to transfer trolleys and trolley stops to Pigeon Forge.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to discuss further at a later meeting.

4. **Other** – Public Works Director Miller and Street Supervisor Ward discussed replacement of median poles. The current bid was discussed noting that a new pole if decreased to a 60 foot LED pole would cost approximately \$19,000. One issue to resolve is the weight of the Winterfest light snowflakes that weigh about

450 pounds and whether the poles are designed to support the weight. Mr. Miller stated that he would get back to council with updated information.

Marketing Manager Carr and Street Supervisor Ward discussed the 25th anniversary of Winterfest and the possibility of new display options on some of the bridges in the City. It was noted that council would see requests in the upcoming budget.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER