

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcels 1.00 and 4.00 of Sevier County tax map 095P group B located on the Parkway from C-1 (general commercial) district, C-2 (tourist commercial) district and C-6 (mixed-use commercial) district to C-7 (planned unit/public use development) 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 Whaley.

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 Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1157 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcels 1.00 and 4.00 of Sevier County tax map 095P group B located on the Parkway from C-1 (general commercial) district, C-2 (tourist commercial) district and C-6 (mixed-use commercial) district to C-7 (planned unit/public use development) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1159 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning a portion of parcel 26 of Sevier County tax map 84 located on Veterans Boulevard from the R-1 (low density residential) district, to C-6 (mixed use commercial) 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 approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration to accept a UROP grant for the mass transit department was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. It was noted that the grant is in the amount of \$710,800. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to sell 9 trolleys for the mass transit department utilizing Gov Deals was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Brabston Trucking for the construction of the Jayell Road water line extension for the utility department was presented for approval. Erin Wiesehan with Cannon and Cannon presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$1,023,761. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commission Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate 682 items for the library to the Friends of the Pigeon Forge Library was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster 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 bid from Certified Generator Service for a generator for Wild Briar pump station was presented for approval. Water Plant Supervisor McMahan presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$86,806. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to approve purchase of coils for the Desert Air Dehumidification System for indoor pool at community center using the Omnia purchasing cooperative was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$49,720.61. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept State of Tennessee Cybersecurity grant was presented for approval. Mayor Wear noted that IT Director Ogle had requested to move this item to the next agenda since he was unable to attend meeting.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance Number 2024-1159 at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024 in the city council room at city hall.
4. The upcoming car show will be held at the LeConte Center April 18 through April 20, 2024.
5. The citizens police academy graduation will be held April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Wear Farm Park.
6. The new attraction Truth Traveler ground breaking at former China Gift Mart location will take place on April 22nd.
7. Would like to have a ground breaking for the new fire station prior to the city council meeting on April 22nd.
8. Would like to have a work session on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER