

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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.

Christi Race spoke about 362 Ogle Drive. She noted that everything belongs to God and asked that the city make this right.

Mika Race stated that she wanted it on record that she was in attendance and would continue to be in attendance until justice is served for her family.

Felicia Huskey McKee was in attendance for 3323 Leonard Huskey Lane and spoke about maintaining the integrity of the property and that the existing road can not handle more traffic.

Stephen Houser representing 2765 Parkway spoke and asked council to please protect R-1 district.

Debbie Wear spoke and stated that businesses have trouble keeping help in Pigeon Forge so the city needs to protect properties for housing.

Craig Chesla was in attendance and noted that his HOA has a road that they can't maintain so what happens if they cannot perform maintenance.

No other 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

There was no old business.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1160 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning a portion of parcel 28 of Sevier County tax map 72P, lot 74R located on U.S. HWY 441 (Parkway) an Appalachia Drive from the R-1 (low density residential) district to C-2 (tourist 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.

Ordinance No. 2024-1161 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel 130 of Sevier County tax map 94, located on Leonard Huskey Lane, 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. It was noted that this was denied by planning commission on May 28, 2024. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure to deny request, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was denied on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 2024-1162 to amend the zoning text of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Article VIII, Section 801, area, yard and height requirements in an R-2 district was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor 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. 2024-1163 to amend Ordinance No. 2023-1153 annual appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024 was presented for the first reading. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 2024-1164 to adopt the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and highlighted the various sections of the budget. 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 TDEC ARP grant for collaborative Douglas Lake In-take project was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that the grant was in the amount of \$20 million with \$19 million being federal funded and \$1 million local. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Pugh CPAs for the audit of the City of Pigeon Forge for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was presented for approval. Travis Lowe with Pugh CPAs presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Whaley Construction, LLC for the bridge replacement project on Cole Drive was presented for approval. Jeffrey Stevens with Collier Engineering Company presented and recommended the low in the amount of \$1,050,225.50. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with Cannon and Cannon to assist the City of Pigeon Forge with the Lead and Copper Rule compliance was presented for approval. Will Littlejohn with Cannon & Cannon presented the contract in the amount of \$58,600. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to amend the construction, engineering and inspection services agreement with CDM Smith for the Westside Connector project was presented for approval. Joe Hillard presented the agreement in the amount of \$142,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a request for a fee increase from SSR for the south end Millers Way water tank was presented for approval. Josh Bruce with SSR presented and recommended the amendment in the amount \$18,500 for additional labor and services. 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 from BAR Environmental for the removal and installation of tube settler equipment at the water plant was presented for approval. Water Plant Supervisor McMahan presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$698,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an amendment to the agreement with Sevier County Fire Department for the emergency response areas was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the amendment as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement to purchase software services for the fire department from Locality Media dba First Due utilizing the Carahsoft Omnia contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$32,248.51. 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 a bulletproof vest grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and noted that the city had participated in this program since 1999. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate a mini-trolley parade vehicle to the Shriners Organization was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and stated that the Sevier County High School had built this vehicle in the late 80's or early 90's and donated to the city. This vehicle hasn't worked in many years and needs to be disposed. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to donate the item as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order for the greenway project for guardrail, landscaping and changing the number of contract days was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended change order number 3 for an additional \$11,130 and 56 additional days. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a grant contract with TDOT for the extension of the greenway from Tiger Drive to Wear Farm Park was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin noted that the grant was in the amount of \$2,588,353 with an 80% federal match and 20% local match. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract for entertainment at the 34th Annual Patriot Festival with RCS Productions was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the 2024 Patriot Festival fireworks for the department of tourism from Pyro Shows was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$30,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for stage, lighting and sound for the 2024 Patriot Festival for the department of tourism from RCS Productions was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract with Community Development Partners for consulting services for the TDEC grant Douglas Lake In-take project was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$395,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance Number 2024-1160, 2024-1161, and 2024-1162 at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024 in the city council room at city hall.
4. We will have second reading on Ordinance No. 2024-1163 and 2024-1164 on Monday, June 24, 2024 in the council room at city hall.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Whaley thanked Stephen Houser for his service on planning commission.

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

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER