

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 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 replacing in its entirety Ordinance No. 952 establishing Stormwater Management standards and practices within the City of Pigeon Forge.

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 Ogle.

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 Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1165 to replace in its entirety Ordinance No. 952 establishing Stormwater Management standards and practices with the City of Pigeon Forge was presented on the second 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 second reading.

Ordinance No. 2024-1166 to address parking on state rights-of-way was presented on the second reading. City Attorney Rowell presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 2024-1167 to prohibit vehicles with “Carolina Squat” modifications was presented on the second reading. City Attorney Rowell presented and stated that after discussion with MTAS about the recently adopted state law by the State of Tennessee, this ordinance may be redundant and it is recommended that the ordinance be denied. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was denied on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1168 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning a portion of parcel 126.05 of Sevier County Tax Map 094, located on Pine Mountain Road, 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 Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the repair of the Old Mill Bridge from Southern Constructors Inc. for the street department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the low bid in the amount of \$1,726,750. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a utility trailer for the utility department from Walker’s Trailer Sales utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and the truck chassis in the amount of \$189,919 and the trailer in the amount of \$62,369 for a total of \$252,288. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to utilize the contingency funds for the Miller’s Way Water Tank project for Sevier County Electric System to provide three-phase electricity to the Miller’s Way Water Tank was presented for approval. Josh Bruce with SSR presented and recommended the work in the amount of \$28,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of change order No. 6 for the Millers Way Water Tank project from Morgan Contracting, Inc. The amount would be paid out of the contingency allowance. Josh Bruce with SSR presented and noted that the alternate storm drainage configuration will be in the amount of \$20,458.65. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Cannon and Cannon for the design and bid related services for the traffic signals upgrade project was presented for approval. Wesley Stokes with Cannon and Cannon presented and recommended intersections of parkway and Dollywood Lane, Veterans Boulevard at Dollywood Lane, Veterans Boulevard at Teaster Lane, and Veterans Boulevard at McCarter Hollow Road be designed at a cost of

\$61,500. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a new 2024 Chevrolet Blazer from Wilson County Motors for the department of tourism utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$35,309.40. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a statewide school resource officer grant for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the grant in the amount of \$300,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to reject the bid for the Cain Hollow sewer project from Franklin Underground Utility Services, Inc. and re-bid was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$6,942,655 be rejected and re-bid. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to reject the sole bid and re-bid project.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a pure storage array and one year support and capacity addition services from Insight Public Sector for the IT department utilizing the Omnia Partners IT products & services contract was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$49,951.73. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a contract for annual maintenance of the city's phone system from Communications Resources for the IT department was presented for approval. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the contract in the amount of \$13,128. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from LeConte Medical Center to provide event standby medical coverage for events at the LeConte Center was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the proposal. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to donate rescue equipment to the Wears Valley Volunteer Fire Department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the donation of a spreader, G6W cutter, telescoping ram, and articulated mini cutter. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase seven (7) sets of turnout gear from NAFECO for the fire department utilizing the HGAC bid was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$5,100 each for a

total of \$35,700. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of the audio-visual equipment installation and programming for the new fire station building from M3 Technology Group utilizing the University of Tennessee contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$592,670.27. 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 purchase a equalization basin mixer for the wastewater treatment plant from Aqua Turbo Systems. This is a sole source provider. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$63,780. 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 purchase two (2) lift station pumps for the Middle Creek lift station from Water and Waste Equipment was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the total amount of \$113,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of SCADA server upgrades for the wastewater treatment plant from MR Systems was presented for approval. This is a sole source provider. Martin Cross presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$46,408. 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 purchase a membrane module for the wastewater treatment plant from Kubota Membrane USA Corporation was presented for approval. This is a sole source provider. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$321,900. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from CEC for professional surveying services at the LeConte Center was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the proposal in the amount of \$12,000. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Edna Kimble and Linda Wear to serve a three-year term and Geanine Cruise and Tony Kiker to serve a second three-year term was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to appoint members as recommended.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. The annual audit will begin on Monday, August 19, 2024.
4. The Bronco show at the LeConte Center will be held August 16-17, 2024.
5. The Jeep show at the LeConte Center will be held August 22-24, 2024.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Whaley and Mayor Wear wished a happy birthday to City Manager Teaster.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER