

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 2010, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, members of the press and interested citizens.

Mayor Whaley opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel B-2.00 of tax map 93H (located approximately 550 feet Northwest from the intersection of Walden's Creek and Goose Gap Roads) from R-1 (low density residential) to C-3 (neighborhood commercial) 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 Brackins.

Mayor Whaley asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Jack Campbell from Walter State was in attendance to request a grant match for the college. Mr. Campbell explained that the college was seeking an 8 million dollar grant which required a 15 percent or 1.2 million dollar match. He explained that this funding would be \$200,000 per city, \$400,000 from the county, and \$200,000 from private donations or the foundation. He further noted that either funds or a resolution of commitment are due by October 30, 2010 in order to be considered for the grant. The funds would be used to construct a new 40,000 square foot building which would house library space, a lab for nursing, lecture hall, and classrooms. Following discussion, Mayor Whaley stated that this could be discussed further in an upcoming work session.

Charles Rhodes was in attendance and asked if the booking engine would be discussed at the upcoming work session. Mayor Whaley explained that it would be postponed until the next time due to USDM having a scheduling conflict.

Laurie Holmes asked about weddings at Patriot Park and wanted information regarding the process. Community Development Director Taylor stated that he would look at and get back to her.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the bills as noted. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 914 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel B-2.00 of tax map 93H (located approximately 550 feet Northwest from the intersection of Walden's Creek and Goose Gap Roads) from R-1 (low density residential) to C-3 (neighborhood commercial) district was presented for the second reading. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 915 amending section 414 ("site plan regulations for special events, festivals, and similar activity uses) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon forge, Tennessee was presented for the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor spoke of non-profits that had to come before planning commission for approval of a special event because currently all special events have to come before planning commission. Taylor said that this ordinance would allow small groups to be approved by a smaller committee which would streamline the process. The same procedures would still be followed such as submitting site plans but these groups could now be permitted without obtaining full board approval. It was noted that this should mainly impact schools and churches. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Discussion and consideration of request from Eddie Fox to connect to the city's water system on Walden's Creek Road was presented for approval. Guy Wantiez was in attendance and stated that the request included the extension of approximately 475 feet of 6" water main along Waldens Creek Road Right-of-Way. It was noted that this will be at the expense of the customer and will become part of the city owned line. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the relocation of water lines on Birds Creek Road was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that two bids had been received and it was recommended that the low bid be awarded to Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. at a cost of \$118,768.50. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the inspection and clean out of four water storage tanks was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller explained that

four bids had been received and it was recommended that the low bid be awarded to Liquid Engineering Corp. at a cost of \$7,100. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on October 26, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. The United Way picnic will be held at the Pigeon Forge City Park on October 19, 2010 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
3. The ribbon cutting event for the Forge Cinemas will be on Thursday October 14, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.
4. A work session is needed to discuss a booking engine for the city. A time and date will be set in the near future.
5. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 25, 2010.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the board.

Vice Mayor McClure noted that Donnie Ball's mother is very sick and a fundraiser is being held for her on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. at Conner Heights Baptist Church.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER