

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024, 3:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

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

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Public comments from citizens** – Brent Cusick was in attendance to discuss 820 Rainbow Road. He asked if sewer was a possibility for his location. This item was discussed further under the next agenda item.
2. **Review and discussion of bid for the Cain Hollow sewer project** – Public Works Director Miller along with Cory Newman with LDA discussed the bid. Mr. Newman stated that based on the bids received, he was recommending the base bid for contract A be awarded to Franklin Underground Utility Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,634,200 and the bid for contract B be awarded to Adams and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,199,916 for a total of \$3,834,116. The alternate bid C was also discussed.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put bid on line A & B on upcoming agenda for consideration.

3. **Review and discussion of Sevier Solid Waste updated rules and regulations** – Sanitation Supervisor McCarter discussed changes to how mattresses will be handled by Sevier Solid Waste noting that beginning November 1st, Sevier Solid Waste will begin charging a fee of \$20 per item for disposal of commercial mattresses or box springs. The sanitation department will no longer collect and dispose of commercial mattresses or box springs from commercial businesses after October 31, 2024 as the business must dispose of items themselves.

Following discussion, this was for information purposes only and public works will send out letters communicating this information with the public.

4. **Review and discussion of an amendment to the contract with Veolia Water for the operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant** – Martin Cross with Veolia was in attendance to discuss amendment. The changes included four changes: 1) a change in the name from PSG to Veolia; 2) new contract terms of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029; 3) changing the current single purchase pass-through amount of \$2,750 for repair and

maintenance expense to \$10,000; and 4) update appendix B to reflect the omission of the Ridge Road and Compost lift stations as a result of the installation in the new gravity line from the Ridge Road sub-basin to the middle creek lift station.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

- 5. **Review and discussion of a proposal for the United States Fire Administration in conjunction with Sevier County EMA to utilize wildland fire sensors for the fire department** – Fire Chief Watson presented and asked for permission to install 25 wildland fire sensors throughout Sevier County, utilizing artificial intelligence to detect potential fires and notify local fire departments. There will be no cost to the fire department during the 2 year test period. At the end of the 2 year testing period, the local community would have the option to continue utilizing the sensor at a cost of \$2,000 per sensor.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to allow fire department to determine next steps to move forward.

- 6. **Review and discussion of an ordinance to allow permits for the sale of beer at outdoor theatre attractions** – City Attorney Rowell presented and discussed the proposed ordinance.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER