

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023, 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, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell and interested citizens. Commissioner Whaley was absent.

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 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 Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 2023-929 to authorize an initial resolution for the issuance of not to exceed five million dollars and no/100 dollars (\$5,000,000) general obligation bonds of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2023-930 authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000, in one or more series; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of an Interlocal Agreement with Sevier County Government, Sevier County Cities, Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and Blount County Government to keep the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that if the park were to shut down, it is estimated that Pigeon Forge would need to pay approximately \$21,017.50 per week during the shutdown. 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 Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Smith Global for the sale of vacant land of approximately 8 acres located behind the former Smoky Mountain Opry was presented for approval. City Attorney Rowell presented. Following discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to table the item to a work session.

Discussion and consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with development regarding the R.O.W. for the Westside Connector was presented for approval. Mayor Wear stated that staff have asked to table this item. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to table the item to an upcoming meeting.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Adams and Sons for the construction of a reuse storage water tank for the utility department was presented for approval. Cory Newman with LDA Engineering presented and recommended the base bid plus allowance in the amount of \$1,980,125. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase PacketViper Water SCADA IDS/IPS five year service support contract from PacketViper for the IT department was presented for approval. It was noted that this is a sole source item. IT Director Ogle presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$22,700. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. Pigeon Forge safety day and Halloween event will be held at Pigeon Forge Community Center on Friday, October 27, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m.
4. City offices will be closed Friday, November 10, 2023 to observe Veterans Day.
5. Winterfest kickoff will be Thursday, November 9, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER