

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure was absent.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Ogle led in the pledge of allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING**

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Watts and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Mika Race was in attendance and stated that she would not stop until justice was served regarding her property.

Craig Chesla was in attendance to ask if anything could be done on Village Way regarding road repairs. Mayor Wear noted that he could work with City Manager Teaster to see if anything could be done.

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

**Old Business**

**Ordinance No. 2024-1173** to amend **Ordinance No. 2024-1164** annual appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 was presented on the second reading. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

**Ordinance No. 2024-1175** to allow permits for the sale of beer at outdoor theater attractions was presented on the second reading. City Attorney Rowell presented and noted that requested changes had been made from last meeting. On a motion by

Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

### **New Business**

**Ordinance No. 2024-1176** to amend Ordinance No. 1050 relating to term limits for the Education Funding Board was presented on the first reading. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

**Resolution No. 2024-942** to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to donate \$125,000 to Mountain Ways to assist with relief and recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of an annual maintenance contract with AXON for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the drone maintenance contract in the amount of \$6,792 for 2024-2025; fleet 3 maintenance contract in the amount of \$135,462.38 for 2024-2025; and BWC3 & OSP & maintenance in the amount of \$154,490.40 for 2024-2025. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the grant in the amount of \$10,000 and required no local match. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to sell a trolley for the mass transit department on GOV Deals was presented for approval. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a front-load garbage truck for the sanitation department from Stringfellow, Inc. utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$438,592.79. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase water/sewer pipe fittings from Core and Main, G & C Supply, Consolidated Pipe & Supply, Walter A Wood Supply, Ferguson Waterworks, and Southern Pipe and Supply was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the lowest bidder for each

item. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Traverse AWD for the finance department from Alan Jay Fleet Sales utilizing the statewide contract was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$41,242. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of lease for the postage machine with Quadient Leasing USA Inc. for city mailings was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo noted that according to the USPS, our postage machine at city hall needs to be replaced by December 31, 2024 with an intelligent mail indicia equipped model. Failure to replace the meter will keep our office from sending mail after this USPS deadline. Our current rate is \$249.70/month and the new rate will go to \$293.56/month. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the lease as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint a beer board member and extend the term of Pam Ogle was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that two members were rolling off and would need to replace them. It was recommend filling outgoing term of Tom Horne with Jimmy Bohanan. It was also requested to extend term of Pam Ogle by one month. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. City offices will be closed on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024.
2. The first council meeting in November is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 due to holiday on November 11, 2024.
3. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-1174 at the council meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.
4. The Planning Commission will hold a combined meeting for November and December on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
5. A work session is needed soon. Will need to look at scheduling possibly next week.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Commissioner Ogle asked for prayers for family of Rodger Ogle that recently lost his wife and mother.

City Manager Teaster also asked for prayers for family of Butch Helton that lost his father.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY RECORDER