

**MINUTES OF  
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013, 4:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program –**  
Community Development Director Taylor discussed and stated that the next step in process was the acquisition of the property. The local match is 12.5% or \$34,937.50 for the acquisition which includes \$31,875 for the acquisition, \$250 for the closing fees, and \$2,812.50 for comparable housing.

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

2. **Review and discussion of changes to the Beer Ordinance –** City Attorney Gass discussed agreement. He noted that the agreement would allow caterers to serve at functions other than restaurants as long as it still followed certain criteria. It was noted that this had been recommended by the Beer Board. City Attorney Gass was asked to add language that the building be affixed to a permanent foundation.

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

3. **Review and discussion of an ordinance to implement a restaurant tax –** City Attorney Gass discussed and stated that this was being recommended as a source of revenue for the proposed baseball park project. The proposed tax would be one percent.

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

- 4. **Review and discussion of appraisals and proposals for the Tourism Building and land located at the municipal parking lot** – Assistant City Manager Brackins discussed the proposals. He stated that the appraisal on the tourism building had been appraised at \$1,200,000 and the highest proposal received was in the amount of \$1,025,000. The vacant property was appraised at \$175,000 and the only proposal received was in the amount of \$25,000.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to ask staff to negotiate with proposers regarding price and that the City expected to get the appraisal value for the two properties.

- 5. **Review and discussion of an ordinance to change the City’s purchasing limit** – City Recorder Clabo discussed the proposed limit and asked that due to the cost of numerous items purchased increasing over time that the purchasing limit requiring sealed bids be increased to \$10,000 and multiple quotes be required for purchases over \$2,500 and under \$10,000

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

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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

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