

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023, 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, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure, City Manager Teaster, and City Attorney Rowell were 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 Whaley.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Susan Rollins was in attendance and thanked commission for help with rental in her neighborhood and asked them to please not forget the local community that need housing.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution No. 2023-931 to call a public hearing to determine whether a portion of certain lands located on tax map 093, parcel 154.02, owned by Pigeon Forge Gem Mine Incorporated, and known as the Delozier property, be annexed into the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and for comment regarding the proposed plan of services for the property was presented for approval. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration to accept an Assistance to Firefighters grant in conjunction with Sevier County Government for the fire department to purchase a mobile SCBA fill station was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that this grant was in the amount of \$135,000 with \$122,727.27 being the federal portion and

\$12,272.73 being the local portion that will be split between Sevier County and the City of Pigeon Forge. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase a heavy-duty service truck F-550 from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment LLC for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$86,000. Fire Chief Watson asked council if they approved request, if they would also approved moving forward with the payment of the chassis in the amount of \$53,000 with the unpaid balance due at time of completion. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented including the payment of chassis.

Discussion and consideration of an annual agreement with the Sevier County Government for Emergency Services was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and noted that the terms of the agreement would be for one year. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a federal grant for the mass transit department to purchase new trolleys was presented for approval. Mass Transit Wilhoite presented and recommended the grant in the amount of \$952,305. The breakdown is as follows: federal - \$418,510; state – \$375,126; and local \$158,669. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commission Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a fingerprint machine and maintenance contract for the police department from Data Works Plus, LLC was presented for approval. It was noted that this is a sole source item. Police Chief Catlett presented and stated that the cost would be in the amount of \$20,700. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with AT&T to relocate fiber at the city hall complex was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the agreement in the amount of \$50,490.43. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a Library Services and Technology Act Grant (LSTA) was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and recommended the grant in the amount of \$846. The grant requires a 50% match. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a TNECD Infrastructure Planning Grant for flow monitoring, hydraulic analysis and water tank inspections was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented and noted that this grant is up to \$200,000 and would require a 5% local match. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
3. City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th, 2023 to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.
4. The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be on November 27, 2023.

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