

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021, 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, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel A-26 of tax map 72O at 202 Lazy Lane from C-2 (tourist commercial) district to R-1 (low density residential) district.

There being no comments received, the public hearing was closed.

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.

No comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1126 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcel A-26 of tax map 72O at 202 Lazy Lane from C-2 (tourist commercial) district to R-1 (low density residential) district was presented on the second reading. Assistant City Planner Kreis presented. 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

Resolution No. 900 authorizing Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to join the State of Tennessee and other local governments as participants in the State-Subdivision Opioid

Abatement agreement and approving the related settlement agreements was presented for approval. City Attorney Rowell 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 the 2022 Spring/Summer Media plan for the department of tourism was presented for approval. Tony Gerstner and Mark Fleshner were in attendance to discuss and highlighted the engagement plan in the different markets. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the plan as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase additional AXON equipment for the police department from Axon Enterprise, Inc. utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$21,987.55 annually for three years. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to pay year 3 of the AXON maintenance contract for the police department was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented and noted that this would continue to provide 50 vehicle cameras, 60 body cameras, and 60 tasers with storage. The total cost is \$171,545. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the spring flowers for the park maintenance department from Martin’s Greenhouse and Nursery was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$17,144. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order from the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation for additional work on Jake Thomas Road on the re-use water line was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that the change order was in the amount of \$13,390. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a change order from the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation for additional work on the Jake Thomas Road project for a stream crossing was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that the change order was in the amount of \$17,175. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase ADA compliance crosswalk assembly from Utilicom Supply Associates for two intersections was presented for approval. This is a sole source provider. Public Works Director Miller presented and stated that the two assemblies were at the intersection of Wears Valley Road and Henderson Springs and Wears Valley at Walden’s Creek. The total cost for both intersections is \$14,868. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration for the water plant emergency pump and motor repair from Tekwell was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and noted that on August 30, 2021, council approved the rebuild of a motor and pump. The quote was in the amount of \$39,375.94. Once the vendor was able to diagnose the issue, the estimate was revised due to being outside of the original scope of work. The revised amount is \$86,030 or \$46,654.06 more than original quote. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Whaley, it was unanimously approved to accept the revised repair estimate as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters grant to purchase washers/extractors and dryers for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and stated that the application request was in the amount of \$42,000 and would require a 10% match. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept a Tennessee State Library and Archives ARPA grant for the library to purchase technology items was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. It was noted that the grant was in the amount of \$13,604 with a local match of \$715. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to renew the 3-year terms (2021-2024) of the following Tourism Advisory Board Members: Karl Thomas, Eugene Naughton, David Bounds, Laurie Faulkner and Tom Horne was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the recommendation as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The planning commission will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The beer board meeting for December has been cancelled.
3. City offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday, December 23rd and 24th, 2021 and Monday, December 27th, 2021 to observe the Christmas holiday.
4. There will be a ribbon cutting for Weigel's on December 16, 2021.
5. Would ask to pay bills the week of December 27th that are due and provide council with list at the January 10, 2022 meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Whaley, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to pay bills as requested.
6. The transportation board has discussed applying for a grant that would prepare a study of road widening from Wears Valley Road to the Blount County Line. The study is in the amount of \$125,000 and the local match is \$8,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked all that participated in city government and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER