

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024, 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, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING 1

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning a portion of parcel 28 of Sevier County tax map 72P, lot 74R located on U.S. HWY 441 (Parkway) and Appalachia Drive from the R-1 (low density residential) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district.

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

PUBLIC HEARING 2

A public hearing to receive comment regarding amending the zoning text of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Article VIII, Section 801, area, yard and height requirements in an R-2 district.

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

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.

Doug Race for 362 Ogle Drive said that he would continue fighting until the end for their property.

Mika Race for 362 Ogle Drive noted that the city took possession of her house on June 6th and as of today, the house is still in her and Doug's name, the house is now gone, and the July mortgage payment hasn't been paid and is due.

Mayor Wear asked City Attorney Rowell to give an update regarding the property. He noted that money has been paid in to the court the full amount of city's appraisal the day the lawsuit was filed. The first time City Attorney Rowell had contact with their attorney, he

agreed to release funds to pay off mortgage. He also suggested filing a joint motion to put funds in an interest-bearing account and their attorney agreed. City Attorney Rowell stated he is still waiting on motion from their attorney to pay down the mortgage. He said the court would need to know where money should be sent and how much. To date, a rebuttal appraisal has also not been received by the Race family. The next step is for their attorney to file necessary paperwork with court.

No other 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. 2024-1160 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning a portion of parcel 28 of Sevier County tax map 72P, lot 74R located on U.S. HWY 441 (Parkway) an Appalachia Drive from the R-1 (low density residential) district to C-2 (tourist commercial) district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 2024-1162 to amend the zoning text of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Article VIII, Section 801, area, yard and height requirements in an R-2 district was presented on the second reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2024-1165 to replace in its entirety Ordinance No. 952 establishing Stormwater Management standards and practices with the City of Pigeon Forge was presented on the first reading. Community Development Director Taylor presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 2024-939 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” matching grant program was presented was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that this grant if approved would be in the amount of \$4,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 2024-940 to approve the first amendment to the 2024 amendment and restatement of the City of Pigeon Forge, Inc. Employees’ Pension Trust was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and stated that this would add an

additional 2 percent contribution of a participant's compensation based on what was recently approved during the 2024-2025 budget. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting "aye" the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of bid from Brabston Trucking, Inc. for the Wears Valley Sewer replacement phase 1A project was presented for approval. Joshua Bruce with SSR recommended low bid in the amount of \$2,039,055. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of GMP amendment # 5 from D&S Builders for the site work, drainage, demo, utilities and paving for the new police station was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and noted the cost of amendment # 5 including contingency and manager's fee was \$2,570,809. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal to design the new signs for the Pigeon Forge City Hall Complex from Custom Craftsman Signs LLC was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and noted that the design cost would be in the amount of \$29,000. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a new Pierce fire engine and Pierce ladder truck for the fire department from Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson noted that the engine would be in the amount of \$1,298,562 and the ladder truck would be in the amount of \$2,488,872 for a total of \$3,787,434. It was noted that the delivery time would be between 47-48 months for the engine and 48-49 months for the ladder. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a Tennessee Fire Chief Association Safer 3 Grant for the fire department was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson presented and noted if grant was approved, it did not require a local match. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase RFID tickets for the mass transit department from BOCA Systems was presented for approval. It was noted that this is a sole source item. Mass Transit Director Wilhoite presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$52,260.50. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to pave and stripe City Streets approved in the 2024-2025 budget for the street department was presented for approval. Street Supervisor Rainbolt presented and recommended work to be done by low bidder PRI of East Tennessee and

Volunteer Highway Supply Co. The cost to pave and stripe streets is recommended at a cost of \$2,726,447. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the city council room at city hall.
2. The beer board will meet on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. Would like to have a work session to discuss some projects.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear thanked all departments that helped with the July 4th celebration.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER