

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 24 2008, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Reagan, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens. Commissioner Sexton was absent.

Mayor Whaley opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Vice Mayor McClure and second to motion by Commissioner Reagan.

The authorization for the payment of bills was unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Brackins and second to motion by Commissioner Reagan.

Ordinance No. 862 to amend the Pigeon Forge Municipal Code, Chapter 7, entitled "Amusement Tax" by deleting Section 5-706 for exemptions in its entirety was presented for the second reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Ordinance No. 863 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee by rezoning parcels A-7 and A-8 of tax map 93-D (located along Golden Circle Drive) owned by Linda Byrd, from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-2 (High Density Residential) was presented for the first reading. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Resolution No. 746 to authorize refinancing of City bonds (land – 1998 issue) at a lower interest rate was presented for approval. Joe Ayres from Morgan Keegan stated this would allow City to obtain better interest rate and lower costs. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Resolution No. 747 to authorize the conversion of the interest rate of certain loan agreements to a fixed or medium term rate was presented for approval. Joe Ayres spoke on the benefit of this change. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Approval of rebid on vacuum street sweeper for street department per current budget was presented for approval. It was recommended that Carolina Industrial Equipment be awarded the bid as only bidder meeting specifications at a cost of \$188,263. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval for signal modification for six (6) traffic intersections per current budget was presented for approval. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to only bidder Quality Traffic System at a cost of \$55,240 and to allow Progression Electric to install equipment for \$94,125.30 for a total cost of \$149,365.30. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept bid as presented.

Approval of recommended streets for paving per current budget was presented for approval. The estimated cost for streets paved is \$280,870. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Approval of recommended name of new street from Teaster Lane to Parkway beside the Inn at Christmas Place to "Christmas Tree Lane" was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. A planning commission meeting will be held March 25, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.
2. At the next council meeting, a public hearing will be held for Ordinance No. 860 and 863.
3. The TML conference in Nashville will be the same time as the next regularly scheduled meeting. Need to change date from April 14, 2008 to another date. Consider April 10, 2008 and put notice in the paper.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the floor.

Greg Ward asked council to consider an additional contribution to the Smoky Mountain Trout Tournament held in the spring and fall in the amount of \$500 for each event. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Reagan, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

After general comments, and Mayor Whaley offering a closing prayer, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER