

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 13 2009, 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 Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens.

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 Brackins.

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

Ordinance No. 895 to levy a property tax rate for year 2009 was presented for the second reading. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

Resolution No. 762 authorizing the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to participate in the TML Risk Management Pool "Safety Partners" Loss Control Matching Grant Program was presented. City Manager Teaster explained that this would be a \$2,000 matching grant and if approved the money would be used to purchase work boots. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Resolution No. 763 supporting the Pigeon Forge Fire Department's application for the AFG Grant to construct a new fire station was presented. City Manager Teaster commented that this had been discussed at the last work session. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved.

Approval of maintenance contract with TDOT for fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that this was an annual agreement that allowed City personnel to maintain state roads in areas such as mowing and plowing in inclement weather and be compensated by the State of Tennessee. The contract for the current year is in the amount of \$89,480.31. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept agreement as presented.

Approval of sign request for a relocation of billboards belonging to Darby Campbell, Three Pigeons LLC, and Two Ducks LLC was presented for approval. City Attorney Gass stated that the request was to take back side of two double faced sign and erect two additional single faced signs. He further stated that exhibits would need to be attached before document was executed. Several comments were taken from the floor regarding opposition to digital billboards. Mayor Whaley noted that there had been much discussion on this in a work session. Following discussion and on a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of bid for Pigeon Forge Wastewater Plant Digester repair project was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster noted that this had been discussed at a prior work session and the cost of the repair would be in the amount of \$338,000 from low bidder Southern Constructors. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Consideration of Change Order Number 1 for the Pigeon Forge Wastewater Plant Digester repair project was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster stated that this had also been discussed at a prior work session. The change order would call for a reduction in the amount of \$40,000 broken down as follows: the contractor will substitute the specified PSI product for a more typical coating of Themec Epoxoline II at a savings of \$21,000; anticipation of some previously unknown and unanticipated deficiencies will be discovered in the repair process was originally set at \$25,000 but will be reduced by \$15,000 leaving \$10,000 for unexpected repairs as required; and a credit of \$4,000 has been offered if plant personnel are responsible for filling the tank prior to the float test. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept change order as presented.

Approval of decrease in Change Order Number 1 (final) on the McCarter Hollow Road and Waterline Extension project was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster explained that there had been a decrease in contract price in the amount of \$5,078. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Approval of architectural and engineering services agreement with SRA Architects for the proposed Pigeon Forge Special Events Center was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and stated that contract would be at hourly rate until a scope of work has been defined. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept services as presented.

Approval of bid for envelopes to mail travel planners to guest inquiries for Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism was presented for approval. Tourism Director Downey presented and stated that he recommended the low bid of \$22,905 from Back Home Printing. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Approval of contract with The Thomas Group to develop advertising for the City's co-op projects was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Approval of request from Grand Crowne Resorts Development to connect seventy-two units to City sewer was presented for approval. Rod McCarter with Vision Engineering stated he estimated the project to take approximately two years to complete. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Robinson, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a beer board meeting on July 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall.
2. There will be a planning commission meeting on July 28, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall.
3. Rod Milligan would like to come before the commission at a work session to discuss car shows in the City.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the floor.

Glen Murphy gave letter to commissioners for request to do drainage settlement. Council stated that the City staff would get with the Public Works department to see if the City can do study.

After general comments from floor and Randal Robinson offering a closing prayer, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER