

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024, 3:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Wear, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Whaley, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of the Douglas Lake in-take and raw water line project** – Cory Newman with LDA Engineering was in attendance to discuss. He discussed the need for an additional transmission line to the lake that was approximately 13 miles long. He noted that a new 24” line was estimated at \$30 million and a new 30” line was estimated at approximately \$40 million. Regarding the intake at the lake, options included rehabilitation of existing system at a cost of approximately \$9 million, a new angled line at a cost of approximately \$14 million, or a vertical intake at a cost of approximately \$18.5 million. Mr. Newman noted that a \$10 million grant has been awarded to assist with cost at intake. He also stated that roughly 25 to 30 easements would be needed for the new transmission line. The overall cost would be allocated between City of Pigeon Forge, City of Sevierville, City of Gatlinburg, and/or Sevier County but everything was preliminary at this time.

Following discussion, no direction was given as this was informational only at this time.

2. **Review and discussion of proposals for an asset management plan for the city’s water and wastewater system** – Public Works Director Miller noted that every utility is supposed to have an asset management plan by 2026. However, to be eligible for certain grants, work on the plan would need to be started prior to that. SSR has submitted a proposal to complete this plan at a cost of \$124,050.

Following discussion, council agreed to have staff put on upcoming agenda for consideration.

3. **Review and discussion of a section of R.O.W. for the westside connector road project with Safe Harbor Development** – Assistant City Manager Brackins discussed a memorandum of understanding regarding a “friendly condemnation” of approximately 1.5 acres through their property, for the city to construct a city street. The acquisition price would be set at \$650,000.

Following discussion, council generally agreed to have staff continue to work on agreement details and get ready to be placed on agenda for consideration.

4. **Other** – City Manager Teaster gave an update on the sub-lease agreement for the use of highway right of way regarding portions of right of way of U.S. 441. She noted that this would impact existing right of way agreements with businesses on the state route of the parkway.

Following discussion, City Manager Teaster stated that she would continue to work on and let commission know when she had more information.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER