

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011, 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Present were Mayor Whaley, Vice Mayor McClure, Commissioner Brackins, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Wear, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Gass, and interested parties.

Items discussed were as follows.

1. **Review and discussion of a water agreement with Sevier County Government** – City Manager Teaster explained noting that an amendment to the original contract between the City of Pigeon Forge and Sevier County had been approved by City Council in 2008 but had not been approved by the County. Using prior year audits as a guide, it has been determined that the City of Pigeon Forge owes the County based on the original agreement. However, there has been discussion about selling approximately 260 customers on the county waterline to the county at a negotiated price. This along with work done on the Byrds Creek line may be factored in to determine if the City owes the County or if the County owes the City. City Manager Teaster also stated interest from the County to enter into a new agreement to sell the County water.

Following discussion, council agreed with format of calculating amount owed to County based on existing agreement but acknowledged that amount would be subject to change pending potential customers sold to the County.

2. **Review and discussion of Mill Creek Sewer Study** – Sam Harrison with SSR stated that this area impacts approximately 20 to 30 acres. He noted that the reason for the study was due to the lift station nearing or exceeding its design capacity. Two scenarios were considered for the study. Scenario one, utilize the Mill Creek Lift Station to convey all development in the Conner Heights sub-basin to the Red Roof Interceptor, and utilize a new gravity collection system for new development in the Gift Shop sub-basin. Scenario two, construct a new gravity interceptor along Mill Creek to convey all existing and future flows from the Conner Heights and Gift Shop sub-basins to the existing Mill Creek Interceptor. Mr. Harrison said that scenario one would cost approximately \$189,800 (excluding land acquisition). Scenario two would cost approximately \$761,900 and additional improvements would need to be completed. Public Works Director Miller stated that the City would have to determine the priority of the project and could possibly engineer project in one budget and do construction in another budget.

Following discussion, council agreed to discuss further during the budget process.

- 3. **Review and discussion of Greenway grant funds** – Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks said the City currently has two greenway grants that have been planned to be used for Phase II and Phase III of the greenway. He noted that TDOT may allow the City to consolidate the two grants. Wilbanks suggested currently dropping the section from Patriot Park to Jehu Street and focus on section from municipal parking lot to city park. The combined grant funds would be \$847,995. Wilbanks asked that the City consider sending a letter to TDOT asking to combine the two grants.

Following discussion, council agreed to put request on agenda.

- 4. **Other** – Parks and Recreation Director Wilbanks briefly discussed creating a Park Foundation and the benefits it could provide. He asked for permission to have Bill Koegler come in and present the idea to the City. He stated that the cost would be approximately \$2,000 and startup costs should be limited to things such as brochures.

Following discussion, council gave no direction regarding the request.

After general discussion, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER