

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9 2012, 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 Brackins, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robinson, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Attorney Gass, members of the press and interested citizens. City Recorder Clabo 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 public comment regarding the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance/map by amending article III, section 330.08 (“definitions”) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to define “monument” as it relates to a ground signage. (Ordinance No. 941).

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 Brackins.

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

No comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the bills as noted. Commissioner Robinson noted that he was for the normal bills but opposed items in question that are not bid.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 941 to amend article III, section 330.08 (“definitions”) of the text of the zoning ordinance of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to define “monument” as it relates to a ground signage was presented for the second reading. Assistant Planner Karl Kreis noted the only change that had been made from first reading was that the language referencing that a monument cannot be see-through was removed. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Ordinance No. 942 to amend the zoning map of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, by rezoning a portion of parcels 4.00 & 4.04 on tax map 84 located at 2509 Veterans Boulevard, owned by Dollywood, from R-1 (low density residential) district to C-4 (planning unit-commercial) district 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.

Discussion and consideration for repairs to Tower 28 by BST for the Fire Department not to exceed \$40,000 was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted. Fire Chief Watson discussed the repairs and noted that replacement of the engine, radiator, and accessories with labor included is estimated to cost \$30,613.60. Repair of the extension cylinder with labor included is estimated to cost \$7,700. Following discussion and on a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to repair the vehicle as requested. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration to accept a grant from FEMA through USFA for SCBA air packs, air bottles and masks was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson explained that the grant would be in the amount of \$112,270 which is \$106,657 (95 percent) federal and \$5,613 (5 percent) local. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was approved to accept the grant as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Discussion and consideration of a change order for the Middle Creek force main from Garrison Construction was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that the change order called for a deduction of 216 linear feet of pipe at \$65.67/foot for a total of \$14,184.72. In addition, there is an extension of 80 calendar days for work. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of agreement with S&ME for long term monitoring of wetlands at the Wear Farm City Park was presented for approval. The amount of is unbudgeted. Liz Porter with S&ME noted that the monitoring for 2012 would be in the amount of \$11,473. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement with 360 Survey and Mapping to survey the 50 acres to be purchased by the City of a baseball complex was presented for approval. The amount is unbudgeted. Jonathan Lyons with 360 Survey and Mapping stated that the cost of the survey would be in the amount of \$4,500. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a mutual release and settlement agreement between Darby Campbell, Bob McManus and New World Billboards, LLC and the City of Pigeon Forge to relocate billboard faces and upgrade from tri-vision to digital multiple billboard faces was presented for approval. Will Willison with New World Billboards, LLC discussed billboard request. It was noted that this request was only to relocate faces on existing structures. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was approved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Reagan abstained from the vote.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a Planning Commission Meeting on April 24, 2012 in the council room of city hall at 3:00 p.m.
2. Bids will be opened on the Wastewater Plant on Thursday April 12, 2012.
3. The Pigeon Forge Hospitality Association will have the monthly meeting this Thursday April 12, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at the Riverstone Resort.
4. There will be a work session meeting on Tuesday April 10, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at the City Complex Meeting Room A.
5. There will be a Beer Board meeting on Wednesday April 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
6. Tomorrow Tuesday April 10, 2012 bids will be opened on concession products for the city park.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER