

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 14 2010, 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 presented for approval and Commissioner Robinson requested comments be included in minutes to reflect why he voted no on items during council meeting. Commissioners stated that they didn't object to request as long as he did make comments during meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Wear, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept minutes with added comments as requested by Commissioner Robinson.

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. 907 to set the property tax rate for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was presented for the first reading. City Manager Teaster noted that the property tax rates had not changed from previous year. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the first reading.

Ordinance No. 908 to make and fix the annual appropriations for the several departments of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 was presented for the first reading. City Manager Teaster explained the budget by fund noting that additional revenue had been estimated for the new businesses in town and a 2 percent increase in local sales tax, gross receipts tax, hotel tax, and amusement tax had been included based on State of TN projections. Also a \$2 increase was proposed on 4 yard and 8 yard dumpsters in the sanitation department. It was noted that only a few projects were budgeted in the water and sewer fund and no new vehicles and equipment were included. In addition, there is not a cost of living adjustment or step plan adjustment for employees in the proposed budget. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, the motion was approved on the first reading. Commissioner Robinson voted no.

Approval of agreement with the Thomas Group for sales promotion efforts and production of ads for the city's 2011 Travel Planner, 2011 – 2012 Destination Guide, 2011 Pigeon Forge Value Card and any other Co-op authorized by the Department of Tourism was

presented for approval. Executive Director of Tourism Downey stated that this contract was similar to ones that have existed for many years with the City. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Brackins, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval to complete an inventory trade with Dalmation Fire Equipment for SCBA bottles was presented for approval. Fire Chief Watson explained that 41 bottles and 29 valves would be traded for several 4500psi/45 minute bottles. He noted that there would be a savings by not having to hydro test old bottles. On a motion by Commissioner Brackins, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of a contract with TDOT for use of the Surface Transportation Program funds for the signalization of US-441 Parkway at Music Road was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that this was a grant in the amount of \$225,000 federal funds with no local match. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the grant as presented.

Approval to select Wilbur Smith and Associates as the consultant engineer for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of US-441 Parkway and Music Road was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller stated that he recommended using Wilbur Smith for the project. It was noted that the costs would be covered under the Surface Transportation Program presented above. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Wear, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Approval of a Sublease agreement with the New Cingular Wireless for the rental of tower space for communication equipment was presented for approval. Item was withdrawn from agenda.

Manager's report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on June 22, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.
2. There will be a beer board meeting on June 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the council room of city hall.

Mayor Whaley asked for comments from the floor and/or board.

Following general comments, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER