

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Wear called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Commissioner Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, City Manager Teaster, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens. Vice Mayor McClure was absent.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Commissioner Maples led in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

The minutes were unanimously approved following motion by Commissioner Maples and second to motion by Commissioner Ogle.

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 Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1115 to set the tax rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year at \$0.1652 per \$100 of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented on the second reading. City Recorder Clabo presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, and with all voting "aye" the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 894 to authorize the issuance of not to exceed forty-five million four hundred thousand and no/100 dollars (\$45,400,000) general obligation bonds of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee was presented for approval. Chris Bessler with Cumberland Securities presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting "aye" the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 895 to authorize the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$114,400,000, in one or more series; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium,

if any, and interest on the bonds was presented for approval. Chris Bessler presented. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion and consideration of agreements with SRA Architects for Architectural services was presented for approval. Mike Smelcer presented. It was noted that the agreements would be for a library expansion, renovations to the community center, and design of a city hall complex which includes a public safety building. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a spare sodium bisulfite mixer for the wastewater treatment plant from BAR Environmental was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Martin Cross with Veolia presented. He noted that the quote was in the amount of \$25,324. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal for engineering services from LDA Engineering for a Reuse water line was presented for approval. Jason Brooks with LDA presented and recommended the proposal in the amount of \$24,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid to purchase reuse water line materials from G&C Supply Co. for the utility department was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$286,404.32. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of proposal from Cannon and Cannon for the design and bid related services for traffic signals at the intersections of Wears Valley Road/Parkway and Jake Thomas Boulevard/Parkway was presented for approval. Houston Daugherty with Cannon and Cannon presented and recommended the proposal in the amount of \$26,500. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase automated cans for sanitation department from Stringfellow utilizing the Sourcewell contract was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase of 25 cans in the amount of \$497 each for a total of \$12,425. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as requested.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a mechanical arm and attachments from Stringfellow for the sanitation department was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$28,661. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as requested.

Discussion and consideration of paving city streets from Charles Blalock and Sons was presented for approval. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the paving of 25 streets in the amount of \$1,214,090. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as requested.

Discussion and consideration of a final change order from Southern Constructors for the Dry Fork Sewer project was presented for approval. Will Littlejohn with Cannon and Cannon presented and recommended the change order in the amount of a \$24,931.10 reduction to the overall project. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the change order as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal from Stantec to address the FEMA LOMR comments was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented and recommended the proposal in a not to exceed \$30,000. The costs will be shared 50/50 between the City of Pigeon Forge and The Island in Pigeon Forge. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase Lexipol for document management and risk management tools for the fire department was presented for approval. This is a sole source item. Fire Chief Watson presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$14,420.46. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of the annual contract for antivirus subscription from Insight Public Sector utilizing the Omnia Partners Contract for the IT Department was presented for approval. IT Analyst Oakley presented and recommended the purchase in the amount of \$12,810. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the contract as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the printing of the 2021/2022 travel planner from Continental Web Press for the department of tourism was presented for approval. Marketing Manager Carr presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$208,400. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to apply for a 2021-2022 American Rescue Plan Act grant for technology and digital equipment for the library was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and stated that the grant would be up to \$20,000 which would require a maximum local match of \$1,000. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to apply for the grant as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bid for the construction of a reception counter for the LeConte Center from Joseph Construction was presented for approval. Mike Smelcer with SRA presented and recommended the sole bid in the amount of \$93,000. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the bid as presented.

Discussion and consideration of a proposal for ATM service at the LeConte Center and the new Mass Transit Building was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and noted two proposals had been received and it was recommended that proposal from Tennessee State Bank be accepted as they proposed sharing \$1 per foreign transaction fee to the City. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to appoint Tony Watts to the Pigeon Forge Planning Commission was presented for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a public hearing on Ordinance numbers 1113 and 1114 on August 9, 2021.
2. The Beer Board will meet on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. There will be a planning commission meeting on July 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
4. The Veterans Homecoming Parade will take place Saturday, August 7, 2021.
5. Would like to have a work session possibly next week on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Having no comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER