

**MINUTES OF
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021, 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 Maples, Commissioner Ogle, Commissioner Watts, City Manager Teaster, Assistant City Manager Brackins, City Recorder Clabo, City Attorney Rowell, and interested citizens.

Mayor Wear opened the meeting and Vice Mayor McClure led in the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Wear asked if there were any comments from citizens.

Leland Wykoff spoke and referenced Resolution No. 897. He stated that this appears to be exclusive for J-1 students and housing should be open to community. Also, there is no financial documents to support need. He stated the City needs to invest in individuals here full time. He requested that this item be rejected or deferred until more work could be done on it.

No other comments were received.

The authorization for the payment of bills was presented for approval. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the bills as presented.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 1116 to adopt State Traffic Statutes was presented on the second reading. City Attorney Rowell presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, and with all voting “aye” the motion was approved on the second reading.

New Business

Resolution No. 896 to authorize the City of Pigeon Forge to participate in Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” matching grant program was presented for approval. City Manager Teaster presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, and with all voting “aye” the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 897 to consent to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee negotiating and accepting payments in lieu of ad valorem tax with respect to an international residence hall project in the City of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Board as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated section 7-53-305 was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. He noted the PILOT lease was up to 10 years with an additional construction period up to 3 years. Commissioner Maples asked for clarification regarding who could use residence hall. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, and with all voting "aye" the motion was deferred to an upcoming work session.

Discussion and consideration of a license agreement for wireless installation on structures with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC was presented for approval. Assistant City Manager Brackins presented. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration for the purchase/training of 2 K9s for the police department for Ventosa Elite K9 Kennel, Inc. was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented. He stated that the K-9s would cost \$8,500 each and the training would cost an additional \$2,000 per dog. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of an agreement to sell K-9 Clint to his handler was presented for approval. Police Chief Catlett presented. On a motion by Commissioner Watts, second by Commissioner Ogle, it was unanimously approved to accept the agreement as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase traffic signal cabinets for the street department from Transportation Control Systems was presented for approval. It was noted that this is a sole source item. Public Works Director Miller presented and recommended the purchase of 5 cabinets in the amount of \$19,130 each. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Discussion and consideration to accept an appropriation grant from the State of Tennessee was presented for approval. City Recorder Clabo presented and stated that the grant was in the amount of \$83,555. On a motion by Commissioner Maples, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved accept the proposal as presented.

Discussion and consideration of bids for the purchase of Winterfest lights from Universal Concepts was presented for approval. Marketing Manager Carr presented and stated that 50 snowflakes would be purchased at a total cost of \$16,350 and the replacement scene of forging winter would cost \$75,260. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Maples, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration of the proposal for the purchase and installation of a new sign at Patriot Park from Graphic House Incorporated was presented for approval. Parks and Recreation Director Goodwin presented and stated based on results from RFP that he

recommended the purchase in the amount of \$94,988. On a motion by Commissioner Ogle, second by Vice Mayor McClure, it was unanimously approved to accept the request as presented.

Discussion and consideration to purchase a combination vacuum truck replacement for the wastewater plant from Public Works Equipment utilizing the Sourcewell Contract was presented for approval. Martin Cross with Veolia presented and recommended the bid in the amount of \$401,634.08. On a motion by Vice Mayor McClure, second by Commissioner Watts, it was unanimously approved to accept the purchase as presented.

Manager’s report included the following:

1. There will be a planning commission meeting on August 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the council room at city hall.
2. The Beer Board will meet on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the council room at city hall.
3. City offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 to observe Labor Day.
4. Working with Jeff Mize at CDM Smith for update on West Side Connector. Would like to schedule a work session.

Mayor Wear asked for comments from the board.

Mayor Wear mentioned the upcoming Jeep Invasion at the LeConte Center.

Having no other comments received, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CITY RECORDER