A regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Sevierville, Tennessee, was held at the Sevierville Civic Center, 130 Gary Wade Boulevard, Sevierville, Tennessee, on November 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

There were present and participating at the meeting:
Robbie Fox, Mayor
Wayne Helton, Alderman
Devin Koester, Vice Mayor
Travis L. McCroskey, Alderman
Jim McGill, Alderman
Mitch Rader, Alderman

Senior Staff present:
Tracy Baker, Assistant City Administrator
Steve Flynn, Water & Sewer Director
Bryon Fortner, Public Works Director
Matt Henderson, Fire Chief
Joseph Manning, Police Chief
Lynn McClurg, Chief Financial Officer & City Recorder
Ed Owens, City Attorney
Bob Parker, Parks & Recreation Director
Dustin Smith, Development Director
Russell Treadway, City Administrator

Mayor Fox chaired the meeting with Lynn K. McClurg as secretary of the meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Koester and seconded by Alderman McCroskey to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM
Mayor Fox opened the public forum section of the meeting. Fox recognized Larry Jackson, who stated his opposition to the rate differential between inside and outside city water and sewer services. There being no further comments, the public forum was closed.

COMMUNICATIONS
The Board noted the following community events:
Board Workshop November 18th, 3:00 PM Civic Center
Mayor Fox recognized Dustin Smith, who introduced the following new employee(s): Kohlton Bickford; Information Services. The Board noted its intention to hold workshops prior to each regularly scheduled Board meeting for the foreseeable future to discuss topics from the recent retreat.

OLD BUSINESS
Mayor Fox presented and placed for passage an ordinance O2019-019 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, RED CEDAR RIDGE ROAD.” A motion was made by Alderman Rader and seconded by Alderman McCroskey to approve the ordinance as presented and to dispense with the reading. Those voting Yes: Helton, Koester, McCroskey, McGill, Rader. Those voting No: None. Fox declared the ordinance passed on second reading.
Mayor Fox presented and placed for passage an ordinance O2019-020 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2 OF THE SEVIERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ABOLISH THE CITY TREES-TRAILS AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD AND THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.” A motion was made by Alderman Helton and seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the ordinance as presented and to dispense with the reading. Those voting Yes: Helton, Koester, McCroskey, McGill, Rader. Those voting No: None. Fox declared the ordinance passed on second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fox recognized Lynn McClurg, who presented a Resolution R2019-016 Directing Payment of a Tax Equivalent. McClurg explained that the resolution allocates the Sevier County Electric System in-lieu of tax payment in accordance with State law. A motion was made by Alderman McCroskey and seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Russell Treadway, who presented a Resolution R2019-017 Consenting to the Industrial Development Board of the City of Sevierville, Tennessee Negotiating and Accepting Payments in Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax with Respect to a Certain Project in the City of Sevierville, 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. Treadway stated that the subject property is the Soaky Mountain Waterpark, a project of the Wilderness Development Corporation. A motion was made by Alderman Rader and seconded by Alderman McCroskey to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Russell Treadway, who presented a fee payment agreement with Wilderness Development Corporation, which allows all fees owed to the City for permitting services, tap fees and connections, and water and sewer utility improvements related to the workforce housing project to be paid over the duration of their 20-year PILOT agreement. Treadway noted that the agreement holds the developer responsible for meeting agreed upon rental rates and maintaining certain local occupancy levels. A motion was made by Alderman Rader and seconded by Alderman McCroskey to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Matt Henderson, who requested approval to purchase replacement turnout gear via NPPGov pricing (R2016-003) from Municipal Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed $26,376.00 plus shipping. A motion was made by Alderman Helton and seconded by Alderman Rader to approve the purchase as requested. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Bob Parker, who requested approval of a Blueway Planning - plan of action to include technical assistance from TDEC and the National Park Service. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Koester and seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the plan of action as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Bob Parker, who requested approval to donate surplus Winterfest displays to the City of New Market, Tennessee. Mayor Fox recognized New Market Mayor Beau Tucker, who expressed his appreciation for the donation. A motion was made by Alderman Rader and seconded by Vice Mayor Koester to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Bob Parker, who requested approval of the emergency purchase of an electrical gear box and the engagement of a professional evaluation of the Community Center sprinkler system. Parker noted that staff would obtain competitive prices for the urgent professional services and further requested that contingency funds in the amount of $23,000.00 be made available to fund these
expenditures. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Koester and seconded by Alderman Helton to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Bryon Fortner, who requested approval of an agreement with GEOServices, LLC for Geotechnical Engineering services related to the Red Bank Road slope failure in the not to exceed amount of $7,500.00. A motion was made by Alderman Helton and seconded by Vice Mayor Koester to approve the agreement as requested. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Tracy Baker, who presented bids for tee box repair required after golf course flooding and recommended the approval of the sole bid and award of contract to Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc. in an amount not to exceed of $110,000.00. Baker stated that the projects would be reimbursed 100% by FEMA. A motion was made by Alderman McGill and seconded by Alderman McCroskey to award the contract as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Joe Manning, who requested approval of the purchase of the InCode Public Safety Suite, the InCode Court Suite and Brazos software from Tyler Technologies at a total cost of $369,985.00 using the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement. Manning detailed that the Police Department has vetted several software systems and found the Tyler product to be best suited for departmental efficiencies and expansion. A motion was made by Alderman Helton and seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the expenditure as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox recognized Lynn McClurg, who requested approval and/or ratification of the following expenditure(s) in excess of $5,000.00:

1. Grainger Ceiling tiles & grid $9,627.50 Low price

A motion was made by Alderman Rader and seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the expenditure(s) as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Approved: 

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Robbie Fox, Mayor

Attest: 

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Lynn K. McClurg, City Recorder