

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
7:30 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Vogt, Fess, and Terry. Absent: None.

Mayor Hudson read a statement on public conduct at the City Commission Meetings.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of January 7, 2008 be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 2-08

An Ordinance vacating a portion of Campbell Street public right-of-way

Commissioner Terry asked if there was any urgency to adopt this ordinance at this time.

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner explained.

Commissioner Terry asked if anyone spoke against this vacation at the Planning Commission meeting?

Mr. Schmiesing stated no, no one spoke against the vacation, and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vogt voiced his opinion and asked that it be given a first reading.

Commissioner Fess asked if the neighbors have been notified of the vacation.

Mr. Schmiesing stated yes the neighbors were all notified, and they have had the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that the rule requiring the Ordinance be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, and Hudson. Nay: Vogt. Motion carried on 4-1 vote.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 2-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Hudson, Fess, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 2-08 adopted.

ORD. NO. 3-08

An Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance No. 26-82 and map of the City to adopt an R-1AA (One Family Residential) designation for the proposed 8750 Looney Road annexation.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring the ordinance to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 3-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye; Fess, Martin, Vogt, Hudson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 3-08 adopted.

ORD. NO.4-08

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A and A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, and adopting a new Schedule A and A1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code relating to wages of certain municipal employees.

Commissioner Terry asked if there was any urgency to pass Ordinance No. 4-08 at this time?

City Manager Enderle explained.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, the rule requiring the Ordinance to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Martin, Hudson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Ordinance No. 4-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 4-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-16-08

A Resolution adopting the 2008 Goals for the City of Piqua

City Manager gave a brief overview of the 2008 Goals for the City of Piqua.

City Manager Enderle stated under Goal 6.1 at the end of the sentence, strike out "and old power plant site-re-use analysis" before adopting.

There was discussion of the use of the old Power Plant facility.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-16-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-16-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-17-08

A Resolution of Appreciation for the public service of E. Mic Koehl as a City Employee

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-17-08 be adopted. Voice Vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-17-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-18-08

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the Planning Commission Representative

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-18-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-18-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-19-08

A Resolution relating to the application for annexation of certain real property to the City located at 8750 Looney Road

Mayor Hudson asked why the applicant wanted to annex into the City of Piqua.

City Manager Enderle explained the reason for the request to annex into the City of Piqua.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-19-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-19-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-20-08

A Resolution adopting the "Plan It Piqua" 2007 Comprehensive Plan update document as the official Comprehensive Plan of the City of Piqua

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing thanked several organizations and groups for their support in working on the Plan It Piqua program. Mr. Schmiesing gave a brief overview of the Plan It Piqua process.

Mr. Schmiesing introduced Brad Bubb, Chairman of the Plan It Piqua program. Mr. Bubb gave a brief overview of the many different groups of citizens who worked together to make the Plan It Piqua such a success.

Commissioner Terry asked if the Plan It Piqua booklet would be available to citizens and where can they obtain one if so.

Mr. Schmiesing stated yes, the Plan It Piqua booklet is available to citizens, and it is also available on the City of Piqua web site.

Mayor Hudson asked when the last Comprehensive Plan was updated?

Mr. Schmiesing stated the last update was completed in 1971.

Mayor Hudson thanked Mr. Bubb for all his hard work, and all the citizens who participated in putting together the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Terry also thanked all the volunteers who participated in putting together the City of Piqua's Comprehensive Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-20-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-20-08 adopted.

Mayor Hudson asked that Resolution No. R-21-09 be moved to end of the agenda in anticipation of the presenter arriving late.

RES. NO. R-22-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Troy, Ohio, City of Tipp City, Ohio, County of Miami Clerk of Courts and Miami County Board of Commissioners for the purposes of funding a Hazardous Coordinator position.

Commissioner Terry asked what the qualifications were for the Hazardous Coordinator position.

Fire Chief Gary Connell explained the type of individual who would qualify for the position of Hazardous Coordinator.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-22-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-22-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-23-08

A Resolution requesting authorization to purchase land from Piqua Materials for the equalization basin

Commissioner Terry asked what is the land being use for at this time that is being purchased?

Public Works Director Tom Zechman explained what the land is being used for at this time.

Mayor Hudson asked someone to explain what an equalization basin is.

Mr. Zechman explained what an equalization basin is and what it is used for.

There was discussion and several questions were asked in regards to the equalization basin.

Joe Drapp, 1366 Park Avenue, asked several questions concerning the equalization basin.

Mr. Zechman answered all of Mr. Drapp's questions on the equalization basin.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-23-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Martin, Fess, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-23-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-24-08

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of a Sewer Jet-Vac

Commissioner Terry asked if someone could explain what a Sewer Jet-Vac function is.

Mr. Zechman explained the function of the Sewer Jet-Vac.

Mayor Hudson asked how long will the new Sewer Jet-Vac last and what happens with the old one.

Mr. Zechman stated the current one has been in use for twelve years now, and we will continue to use it as a backup as needed.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-24-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-24-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-25-08

A Resolution awarding a contract to Pohlkat Incorporated in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 for removal and disposal of lime residual from the lime lagoon at the Water Plant.

Commissioner Terry asked how the lime is removed and who is in charge of hauling it away now?

Mr. Zechman explained the process of the lime removal at this time.

Commissioner Martin asked if this process would come close to clearing out the lagoon?

Mr. Zechman explained.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-25-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-25-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-26-08

A Resolution awarding a contract for the 2008 Street Resurfacing and Alley Paving program

Mayor Hudson asked how many miles of alleys are there in Piqua?

Mr. Zechman stated there are five miles of alleys in the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt asked how many miles of alleys were paved last year?

Mr. Zechman stated only one mile of the alleys was completed last year, this was used as a pilot program for this year.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-26-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-26-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-27-08

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Life Star Rescue Inc. for the purchase of power pro assist cots for the Fire Department

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-27-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-27-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-21-08

A Resolution approving a Mix Use Planned Unit Development (M-PUD) concept plan for the Davis Village located at the northwest corner of US Route 36 and R. M. Davis Parkway

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing gave a brief overview of the Project Davis Village located at the northwest corner of US Route 36 and R.M. Davis Parkway.

Commissioner Fess asked what the current zoning was for the parcel in question at this time.

Mr. Schmiesing stated it is B-General Business and explained the need for the resolution.

Mayor Hudson asked how much would the investment be for this project, and what type of units were going to be built, and who would be eligible to live there, would it be for seniors?

Mr. Schmiesing stated about five million would be invested at this time, and yes the units will be available for rent by senior citizens.

Commissioner Fess asked if there would only be rentals available not purchases, and would the housing be subsidized housing ?

Mr. Schmiesing explained yes, they would be rentals, and no they would not be subsidized housing.

Brad Boehringer, 132 E. Main Street, voiced his opinion on the possibility of the City of Piqua having more rentals with the Davis Village project.

Chet Osborne, 406 Staunton Street, voiced his opinion on the Davis Village project.

Jim Cline, 1025 Clark Avenue, voiced his opinion on the Davis Village project.

Chuck Starrett, 4244 Demming Road, voiced his opinion on the mixed use of the area with Davis Village project.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-21-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-21-08 adopted.

Larry Hamilton, 1104 Maplewood Drive, voice his concern over an article that appeared in the Piqua Daily Call on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 on board appointments to City of Piqua Boards.

Commissioner Fess asked what the article related to in reference to the board appointments.

Mr. Hamilton explained he was talking about the lack of a Diversity Committee.

City Manager Enderle explained why the Diversity Committee was not included in the Goals and stated they are in the process of establishing a committee at this time.

Brad Boehringer, 132 E. Main Street, voiced his opinion concerning the statement the Mayor read at the beginning of the Commission Meeting on public conduct at the meetings.

City Manager Enderle responded to Mr. Boehringers opinion.

Jean Franz, 114 Parkridge Place, stated she has spoken to many citizens concerning the new ordinances and rules.

Ms. Franz also complemented Commissioner Vogt on his article that appeared in the Piqua Daily Call on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Chet Osborne, 406 Staunton Street, voiced his opinion on the rental property issues and that the petitions have been filed to overturn the ordinance.

Jim Cline, 725 Clark Avenue, voiced his opinion about the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance and the employees who are enforcing them.

Mr. Cline also stated he would like to have several traffic lights removed around the city to make the traffic flow better.

City Manager Enderle stated there is a study being done at this time to remove several of the traffic lights.

Roy Howard, 6720 Spiker Road, stated citizens have told him they are afraid to voice their opinions to the City for fear of being put on a list or of retaliation.

Commissioner Fess stated let the process work itself out with the petitions, and let's work together for the good of the City.

Chuck Starrett, 4244 Demming Road, stated he wanted to clear up the acquations, and explained what he would like to accomplish at this time.

Ruth Koon, 1307 Park Avenue, congratulated the City of Piqua on taking a leadership role in helping to make the City of Piqua beautiful.

Commissioner Vogt voiced his opinion on the need for citizens to clean up their properties with just general cleaning. The Group WorkCamp project is a great opportunity for citizens to receive help in fixing up and repairing their properties.

Commissioner Martin stated he would like to see more citizens apply for the various boards and committees that are in need of new members.

Commissioner Fess stated we all need to work together and stop the animosity that is going on.

Commissioner Terry asked citizens to step up and get involved with the various boards and committee seats that are open. We would like to have citizen input, and this is your chance to be heard, said Commissioner Terry.

Mayor Hudson stated Public Works Director Tom Zechman, and Economic Development Director Harry Bumgarner gave a very informative power point presentation on the Hotel Project recently

Mayor Hudson commended Commissioner Vogt on the letter he wrote that appeared in the Piqua Daily Call recently.

Mayor Hudson stated he would respond to Mr. Boehringer's comments in a letter.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission meeting at 9:32 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Hudson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION