

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 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.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO CITY OF PIQUA:

Ms. Peggy Henthorn – Miami Valley Centre Mall
Ms. Paula Jewett & Mr. Patrick Donnelly-WDTN (Channel 2)

Ms. Peggy Henthorn, Ms. Paula Jewett, and Mr. Patrick Donnelly of WDTN Channel 2 commended the City of Piqua on their efforts and support during the weekend of the Deal or No Deal auditions that were held in Piqua, and presented a Plaque to the City of Piqua in appreciation. The support of the City of Piqua and all the departments was very much appreciated by all who attended, said Mrs. Henthorn.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that the minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 8-08
(3rd Reading)

An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 8-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 8-08 adopted.

ORD. NO. 11-08
(3rd Reading)

An Ordinance adopting and implementing Section 91.11 Tow Administrative and Storage Fees for impounded vehicles at City facilities

Commissioner Vogt asked if there have been any comments received concerning the storage fees, and if the City of Piqua's fees are higher or lower than other counties?

Police Chief Willcox stated he had not received any comments concerning the fees, and stated the City of Piqua is lower than any of the other counties with their fees.

Mayor Hudson asked to have someone explain the fees for impoundment. Chief Willcox explained how the impoundment procedures are implemented.

Commissioner Vogt stated we should not be too quick to waive the storage fees that are incurred, if they have insurance, the insurance companies should pay the storage fees.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Ordinance No. 11-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 11-08 be adopted.

ORD. NO. 13-08
(EMERGENCY)

An Emergency Ordinance amending Chapter 33 of the Piqua Municipal Code employment policy

Commissioner Fess stated the way it was previously stated the City Manager would receive an increase when the other employees on Schedule A received theirs correct?

Law Director Wall explained how the City Manager's contract governs the way the City Manager receives his pay increase, and when they are applied. Chapter 33 governs all non-union employees salary increases, but currently the City Manager is on the Schedule A and needs to be removed. This ordinance will remove the City Manager from Schedule A. Ms. Wall further explained that Ordinance No.'s 13-08, 14-08, and Resolution No. R-57-08 are all related to changes being made to Schedule A.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 13-08 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Ordinance No. 13-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 13-08 adopted.

ORD. NO. 14-08
(1ST READING)

An ordinance repealing Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to the wage schedule for all non-union employees

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 14-08 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Vogt, Hudson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Ordinance No. 14-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No 14-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-57-08

A Resolution to modify the employment agreement between the City of Piqua and the City Manager

Law Director Wall explained the changes in Resolution No. R-57-08 governing the City Manager's contract with the City of Piqua.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-57-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, Fess and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-57-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-58-08

A Resolution of Appreciation for the public service of Lowell Dean Tamplin as a City Employee

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-58-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-58-08 adopted.

OTHER

Proclamation – Emergency Medical Services Week presented to Chief Gary Connell

Mayor Hudson read the proclamation.

Presentation – Weather Sirens & Emergency Notification – Chief Gary Connell

Fire Chief Connell gave a brief presentation on the use of the weather sirens and emergency notification system in the City of Piqua.

Monthly Reports – March 2008

Monthly Reports for March 2008 were accepted.

Public Comments

Ralph Pritchard voiced his concern over the status of a house located on Fourth Street. Fire Chief Connell explained what is being done with the home at this time.

Mr. Pritchard inquired about the numerous potholes in the city streets. Mr. Zechman explained the Street Department crews are working on them at this time. If citizens see a pothole they can report it by calling the Street Department, or using the E-Gov link on the website, said Mr. Zechman.

Mr. Pritchard asked that citizens be aware of the many children and adults riding bicycles on the streets now that the weather is nice.

Skip Murray, 1215 Walker Street, thanked the City Commission and Department Heads for their support they have provided to him in the last couple of years. Mr. Murray stated he likes the direction the city is taking on cleaning up nuisance properties. Mr. Murray further stated the city is willing to work with citizens in cleaning up their properties if they make the contact. Mr. Murray commended Amy Welker and Devon Alexander of the Health Department, and Chris Schmiesing of the Planning & Zoning Department for their efforts. Mr. Murray stated he appreciates the nuisance ordinances because with the enforcement of them it is increasing the value of all the properties in the neighborhoods. Neighborhood Associations are very important to neighborhoods and I encourage all neighborhoods to adopt them, and plans on being more active in his North View Neighborhood Association, said Mr. Murray.

Commissioner Terry encouraged Mr. Murray to keep on doing what he is doing, citing his projects are a great asset to the City of Piqua.

Scott Fine, 312 E. North Street, voiced his opinion on several issues he had with the City.

Danny Sell, stated the World War II Veterans left on Friday for Washington, D.C. and returned safely on Sunday. Mr. Sell wanted to thank the City of Piqua, Fire and Police Departments for their support.

Don Emery, 726 Caldwell Street, voiced his concern over Time Warner eliminating the radar station, citing he felt it was a very valuable tool during the storm season.

Mr. Emery thanked Mr. Murray for all of the significant improvements he has made to his properties in the City of Piqua and asked him to keep up the good work.

Mr. Emery voiced his approval of the zoning and nuisance code enforcement, citing these issues were addressed in the early 1980's but were not followed through. Mr. Emery voiced his concern about the city being able to provide the necessary resources to continue the efforts of the code enforcement in the future.

Mr. Emery stated he is speaking for the silent majority of the people, and appreciates the efforts of the various city departments and hopes to see the efforts continuing. I am seeing very positive changes happening daily, including the repair of the Parks Building, removal of semi-truck parking on Riverside, and the filling of the Park Place hole just to mention a few, said Mr. Emery.

Mr. Emery stated he appreciates the efforts of the past and present Commissioners, Department Heads and asked that they please continue their efforts. Mr. Emery stated he is very impressed with Law Director Wall, as he has spoken to her several times on various issues.

Commissioner Vogt stated spring is here and it is grass-cutting time, and reminded citizens to cut their grass. Mr. Vogt thanked Mr. Tamplin for his thirty years of service to the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens the 4th Annual Car Show is scheduled for July 19th, 2008 and to mark their calendars.

Commissioner Martin inquired about the painting of the curbs at the intersections.

Mr. Zechman stated curb painting would begin in June or July on the intersections.

Mr. Martin stated it is spring and yard mowing season and encouraged citizens to get out and mow their yards

Commissioner Fess thanked Mr. Murray for coming back to Piqua after finishing college and starting his business to help support our community. Mrs. Fess also thanked Mr. Emery for his positive comments, stating it is always nice to hear the positive things Piqua has done.

Mrs. Fess congratulated Mr. Tamplin on his thirty years of service to the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Terry invited citizens to attend the North Park Neighborhood Association meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M. at Wilder School on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

Mrs. Terry thanked the citizens who came forth to express their positive feedback to the City of Piqua.

Mrs. Terry also reminded citizens to pick up trash in their yards and in their neighborhoods.

Mayor Hudson voiced his concern about the high weeds at the old hospital.

Mayor Hudson stated he is so inspired to see the many projects that Mr. Murray and his family have taken on here in the City of Piqua and hopes he continues his efforts.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn the Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:28 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