

**MINUTES**  
**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**JULY 14, 2008**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
**201 WEST WATER STREET**  
**PIQUA, OHIO 45356**

Piqua City Commission met in a Special Work Session in the Administrative Conference Room in the Municipal Government Complex, 201 W. Water Street for a work session. Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Absent: None. Also in attendance: City Manager Fred Enderle, Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Harry Bumgarner, Public Works Director Tom Zechman, and Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker. Also in attendance: Paul Stiefel of Piqua.

City Manager Enderle stated he would like to set up a tour of the Mausoleum at Forest Hill Cemetery with the Washington Township Trustees and the Cemetery Board at 6:00P.M. on Monday, July 21, 2008 before the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. The purpose of the tour is to observe the state of disrepair of the Mausoleum.

City Manager Enderle stated in addition to the other two items he would like to have Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker give a brief overview of a recent Recycling Study that has just been completed.

Amy Welker handed out a copy of the recent City of Piqua Recycling Participation Study, and explained how the study was conducted. Overall participation in the study was 58% said Ms. Welker.

There was discussion of the various type of recycling bins being used, and the fact that the tipping fees are scheduled to go up the first of August. There was also discussion on the possibility of the Neighborhood Associations helping to distribute recycling bins in their neighborhoods to help promote recycling. Ms. Weller stated she is always looking for ways to get the word out about recycling to the citizens, and is always open to suggestions. Commissioner Martin inquired if the City of Piqua could operate a recycling plan within the city. Ms. Welker explained that it would require a lot of space to sort and separate the recycling, and would not really be feasible. City Manager Enderle stated it would not be a business the city would want to get into, citing that stockpiling is expensive.

Ms. Welker stated she would keep the Commission updated.

**Hardman Field Lease Agreement**

City Manager Enderle stated the Piqua Board of Education would be leasing Hardman Field from the City of Piqua for a period of fifty (50) years for an annual rent of One dollar (\$1.00). This will not include the concession stand or the restroom area, said Mr. Enderle.

Paul Stiefel raised several concerns about the concession stand and the restroom area in the park at Hardman Field.

Mayor Hudson stated he felt the City should do something with the restroom facility and the concession stand at the Park. City Manager Enderle stated we can take a look at the restrooms, but they are not bad, they are in fact park restrooms. Commissioner Vogt stated he felt they could be upgraded a little. Commissioner Martin asked if the public could use the restrooms at this time. City Manager Enderle stated no, the restrooms are locked.

Mr. Stiefel stated he does not understand why the School Board is undertaking the lease. He further stated that he feels someone needs to be at the ball diamond to manage it.

City Manager Enderle stated the School Board will be able to hold tournaments to raise money, where as the City is not getting any revenues from the facility at this time, so why should the city be responsible for it. Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern about the school not taking care of the facility. City Manager Enderle stated the city could take the facility back at any time if the school does not maintain it properly.

Commissioner Fess asked if the Piqua City School Board has approved this lease. City Manager Enderle stated the School Board is meeting at this time to review the lease. Mr. Stiefel stated Hardman Field is in bad shape and needs to be repaired. Commissioner Terry stated the field use to be in great shape and was maintained by all volunteers and organizations. City Manager Enderle stated it is a different day in age when no one wants to get dirty, and it is easier to pay a little to maintain it. Commissioner Martin stated he has heard a number of complaints about the condition of Hardman Field.

Mr. Stiefel stated he felt the baseball diamond should be located at the High School.

Commissioner Terry asked where all of this originate? Tom Zechman, Public Works Director, stated parents have been complaining about the shape the field is in and want something done to bring the standards up. There was further discussion on the backstop and the press box. City Manager Enderle stated Hardman Field is in a great setting, and is a hidden jewel in the City of Piqua.

City Manager Enderle asked if all were in agreement to leave the lease as is in this draft form, and move forward on Monday at the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. No one voiced opposition to moving forward with the lease at this time, all were in agreement. City Manager Enderle stated he would let the Commission know if there were any changes requested by the School Board to be made.

### **Water Treatment System Study**

City Manager Enderle gave a brief explanation on the need for the study citing the Environmental Protection Agency will not accept the Plant as is, and desnot want to rule out alternatives. Public Works Director Tm Zechman outlined the need to replace the water plant or come up with an alterative plan as listed on the information sheet provided to the Commission previously. Number one alternative is to Repair Existing Plant, number two is New Groundwater Plant (Lime softening), number three is New Groundwater Plant (Iron/mang. Membrane), number four is New Surface Water Plant (Lime softening), number five is New Surface Water Plant (Membrane clarification), number six is Sidney-Regional Water Treatment Plant, number seven is Troy-purchase water.

There was discussion of various methods of obtaining water for the City of Piqua, including building a water plant between Sidney and Piqua for both to draw from. Mr. Zechman gave a brief explanation on the difference between number two and number three. Commissioner Fess stated she felt that number one alternative to repair the existing Water Plant was not a good choice. City Manager Enderle stated the cheapest alterative is number seven, to purchase water from Troy. Commissioner Fess stated she liked the joint idea of joining with either Troy or Sidney to obtain the water needed for the City of Piqua. Mayor Hudson asked if the water quality was better from either Sidney or Troy. Mr. Zechman stated no, the quality of the water is the same. Commissioner Martin asked if the city would have the cost all up front, and if we could possibly wait on doing this at this time. City Manager Enderle stated it is cheaper to build now than to purchase water, and the cost would be upfront now. Commissioner Martin asked if Troy had enough water capacity to sustain the needs of the City of Piqua. City Manager Enderle stated

probably, they have around 10-12 million-gallon capacity, and between Piqua and Troy we would use around 5-6 million gallons.

Mayor Hudson asked if the old Water Plant would be taken down. City Manager Enderle stated yes, the old water plant would come down at some time. Commissioner Fess asked about the timetable for the project. Mr. Zechman explained it would take about three years to complete.

There was discussion of the various costs with the different options and how it would affect the budget. There is a definite need to go forward with some sort of plan but Commissioners want to receive more information before making any decision. No action was taken at this time, only discussion.

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone for attending.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Fess, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 5:35 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION