

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Vogt, Fess, and Terry. Absent: Martin.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, to excuse Commissioner Martin from the September 2, 2008 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – Southview Neighborhood Association

Mayor Hudson read the proclamation and presented it to Jean Franz and Al Cooper of the Southview Neighborhood Association. Mrs. Franz thanked the City of Piqua and stated it was their pleasure to be able to do the work on the Mote Park Community Center.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION - Green Leaf Garden Club

Mayor Hudson read the proclamation and presented it to Alice Gordon of the Green Leaf Garden Club. Commissioner Terry stated the planters the Garden Club planted looked great.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Rob Stanford, Parks & Recreation Coordinator (Fall Programs)

Mr. Stanford gave a brief update on the fall programs the city will be offering and handed out the new Parks & Recreation brochure to Commissioners. Commissioner Terry stated the brochure has a lot of useful information and will be very helpful to citizens.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Harry Bumgarner, Mr. Tim Echemann –Economic Development Update

Mr. Bumgarner stated that Mr. Echemann was ill and was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Bumgarner gave a brief power point presentation on the economic development activity that has occurred so far this year.

Residence Pride Awards – September 2008

Residence Pride Awards were announced and pictures of the winners were shown. They include:

Tim & Nancy Hatcher	740-746 N. Wayne Street
Bill & Janice Blackburn	830-830 ½ Park Avenue
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Christy	663 South Street
Dick Lumpkins Auto Body, Inc, (Richard Lumpkin-Owner)	150 R.M. Davis Parkway
Ms. Lucille Karns	305 Staunton Street

PIQUA HEALTH BOARD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that the minutes of the February 4, 2008 Piqua Health Board be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Res. No. H-297

A Resolution authorizing an agreement between the Ohio Department of Health and the Piqua City Health Department for smoking enforcement activities

There were questions concerning how the smoking enforcement would be enforced, and who would be responsible for enforcing it. Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker explained the criteria for enforcing the smoking activities, and stated Chris Boeke and Shane Snapp of the Health Department would be in charge of the enforcement of the activities. Mrs. Welker explained citizens should call the Health Department or the State Health Department Hot line to report offenders.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from the Piqua Health Board at 7:30 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that the Minutes of the August 18, 2008 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hudson asked that Resolution No. R-95-08 be read at this time.

RES. NO. R-95-08

A Resolution of appreciation for the public service of Douglas Stahl as a City Employee

Mayor Hudson read the resolution and presented it to Mr. Stahl.

The City of Piqua is very fortunate to have a Power Company in Piqua, and they owe a lot to Bill Sommer, said Mr. Stahl.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adopt Resolution No. R-95-08. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-95-08 adopted.

ORD. NO. 23-08

An Ordinance to levy special assessments to pay for the cost of nuisance abatement assessments

There was discussion concerning the type of assessments and if any of the assessments have been paid yet.

Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker explained the various types of assessments and some of the reasons for the assessments.

Mayor Hudson inquired about the weed contractors and how they are chosen. Mrs. Welker explained the contractors submit their names to the city, and they are used on a rotation schedule. This year we had five different contractors, said Mrs. Welker.

Public Comment

Roy Howard, Spiker Road, voiced his concern over the weed contractors and how they are chosen.

City Manager Enderle stated contractors are asked to contact the city if they are interested in working for the city.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 23-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye; Terry, Fess, Hudson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to remove Resolution No. R-92-08 from the table. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-92-08
(Tabled 8-18-08)

A Resolution awarding a contract for the Great Miami River Trail Project

Gordon Wray and Mike Brozousky from M.E.B. Associates, LLC gave a brief overview of their company and their background.

Commissioner Vogt asked when they plan to start the project. Mr. Brozousky stated they plan to begin early next week.

Public Comment

Scott Myers, Miami County Parks District handed a brochure out on the "Miami Valley Recreational Trail, and explained how the Piqua Bike Trail ties in with the Miami County Trail.

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue, voiced his support of the project.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that resolution No. R-92-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-92-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-94-08

A Resolution of intent to vacate public right-of-way

There was discussion of the location of the proposed vacated right-of-way, and of the plans for the vacated property.

Mike Yannucci, Eagles Way, applicant, came forward and explained the reason for the vacation of the public right-of-way and how they plan on removing the old building that is located right next to the new building. Commissioner Fess asked when they expect the project should be completed. Mr. Yannucci stated they plan to be in the new facility before Christmas.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-94-08.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-94-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-94-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-96-08

A Resolution authorizing the naming of a public space in honor of William M. McCulloch

There was discussion of the location of the area to be named, and all were in agreement that it was a long time coming to do something in Mr. McCulloch' honor.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-96-08

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt that Resolution No. R-96-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-96-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-97-08

A Resolution establishing "Trick or Treat/Beggars' Night" in the City of Piqua

Public Comment

Cora Biles came forward and stated she is glad to see "Trick or Treat/beggars Night " is still being held in the evening hours, and thanked the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-97-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-97-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-98-08

A Resolution awarding a contract for the roof replacement for the Forest Hill Cemetery Mausoleum

There was discussion of the type of roof to be installed, how the present cooper roof would be taken off and recycled, and what wage scale would be followed when installing the new roof. Law Director Stacy Wall explained the cost of burial in the Mausoleum, and stated there are still spaces available to be sold yet. There was further discussion on the interior work that needs to be done once the roof is repaired. Mrs. Wall stated the city inherited the Mausoleum, and explained how funds can be pursued for repairs and future maintenance.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-98-08.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-98-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-98-08 adopted.

Monthly Reports for July, 2008 were accepted.

Jean Franz, 114 Parkridge Place, stated she wanted to thank former Police Chief Willcox for his help with the Neighborhood Associations, and stated she is very happy that the city is using the Land Bank program, and reminded citizens to vote for the Property Maintenance Ordinances in November.

Bob Schook, Chairman, thanked the city for support of the Regional Bike Path.

Commissioner Fess thanked all the volunteers and organizations for another successful Heritage Festival. Mrs. Fess also voiced concern over the weekly paper being thrown in the driveways and sidewalks. There will be an open meeting for the Water Study, to review the quality of our water, and the appearance of our lakes, to be held on Wednesday, September 17th, at 6:30 P.M in Upper Valley JVS, stated Mrs. Fess. Mrs. Fess asked if someone would explain the reason for the boil advisory in the City of Piqua recently. Public Works Director Tom Zechman explained the reason for the boil advisory, citing no health hazard was found in the city water.

Commissioner Terry offered a special thanks to all employees for preserving our safe water. Mrs. Terry also congratulated all involved with another successful Heritage Festival, and further stated she liked the programs being offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

City Manager Enderle stated there would be a Work Study Session held on Monday, September 8, at 5:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to review long range plans.

City Manager Enderle congratulated the Police and Firefighter of the Year Award recipients.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adjourn from The Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:10 P.M. Voice vote, Aye; Hudson, Fess, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION