

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Martin. Absent: Terry.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Fess, to excuse Commissioner Terry from the September 15, 2008 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the Minutes of the August 25, 2008 Piqua City Commission work Session, and the September 2, 2008 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-99-08

A Resolution of appreciation for the public service of Jeffrey H. Meckstroth as a City Employee

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-99-08.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adopt Resolution No. R-99-08. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Vogt, Martin, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-99-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-100-08

A Resolution of appreciation for the public service of Thomas R. Zechman as a City Employee

Mayor Hudson read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Zechman

Mr. Zechman thanked the Mayor and the City Commission for the opportunity to have served as the Public Works Director for the City of Piqua. Mr. Zechman mentioned a few of the major projects he was fortunate enough to involved with and thanked the Public Works Department, the department heads, and staff members citing it has been a pleasure to work with them over the years.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-100-08.

Commissioner Fess stated she has had the privilege of knowing Mr. Zechman since he moved to Piqua, and voiced her appreciation and respect for him. Mrs. Fess further stated she has enjoyed working with Mr. Zechman thru the years on various projects said Mr. Zechman is truly a consument professional.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that resolution No. R-100-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-100-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-101-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Miami County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Fletcher to provide sanitary sewer service to the Village of Fletcher

There was discussion and questions regarding the sanitary overflow and the size of the line coming from Fletcher to the State Patrol on Rt. 36. Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern about spending the \$150,000 at this time. Public Works Director Tom Zechman stated Fletcher would still go forward with this project even if the City of Piqua does not approve this resolution at this time. City Manager Enderle stated working with Fletcher on this project would save the City of Piqua money in the future to invest in this project at this time. There was also questions and discussion on the impact on new industry coming into Piqua, and what properties this sanitary sewer line would serve. City Manager Enderle explained the advantages to moving forward with Fletcher on this project at this time. Commissioner Fess asked if this would have to come back to the City Commission for approval. City Manager Enderle stated yes, it would have to come back before the City Commission in the future. Commissioner Fess stated there was a lot of money spent on infrastructure over the last ten-fifteen years.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-101-08.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-101-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-101-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-102-08

A Resolution approving the tax rates for the City as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission

Commissioner Martin asked if the city to money received from Miami County was from the property taxes paid by the property owners in Piqua. City Manager Enderle stated yes the money received by the City is from the property taxes. Commissioner Vogt stated the City does not get that much of the total amount of the property tax paid. City Manager Enderle stated the schools get most of the money from the property taxes.

Public Comment

Brad Boehringer, 128 Mound Street asked how the property tax money is spent. City Manager Enderle stated the City only receives a small portion and it is explained in the City Budget.

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

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-102-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-102-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-103-08

A Resolution awarding a contract to Morton Salt for the purchase of road salt for the Street Department

Commissioner Fess inquired as to the reason the salt is not available this year, and asked if it would be possible to use sand instead of salt. Mr. Zechman explained the reason the salt is not readily available, and the reason for not using salt on the streets. Commissioner Vogt asked if it would be possible to purchase salt from other communities as needed. City Manager Enderle stated that other communities were only purchasing what they would need, and would not have any excess to sell the City of Piqua this year.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-103-08.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-103-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-103-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-104-08

A Resolution amending the total payment to Tuttle Construction, Inc. for the Fort Piqua Plaza Restoration project right-of-way improvements

Several questions were asked regarding the reason for the additional \$80,000 and when the work would be completed. Mr. Zechman explained the need for the additional \$80,000 and stated the work would be completed by the opening of the project in October.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-104-08.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-104-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-104--08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-105-08

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

Commissioner Fess stated she felt that Regina Favorite would be a great addition to the Tree Committee

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-105-08.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-10508 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-105-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-106-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into all necessary agreements with the Fort Piqua Redevelopment Corporation relating to the Fort Piqua Hotel Development Project

City Manager Enderle provided a brief power point presentation on the amount of money that was needed to complete the project. Mr. Enderle went over the figures on both the revenue and expense reports and stated we would have a positive balance in the fund when the project is completed.

Commissioner Fess asked if someone would explain the Piqua Improvement Corporation and who made up the members. City Manager Enderle explained how the PIC was made up and who the

members were. Commissioner Fess stated she would like to have the project updates on the Hotel Project be put on the City's web site. City Manager Enderle stated the project budget has not changed since December 11, 2006, and will try to get all the information on the web site.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-106-08.

Commissioner Fess thanked City Manager Enderle for his presentation and explanation of the funds being spent.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-106-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-106-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-107-08

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Citation Appeals Board

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-107-08.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-107-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Hudson, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-107-08 adopted.

Public Comment

Bradley Boehringer, 128 Mound Street, voiced his concern over the City Commission awarding a contract to MEB at the September 2, 2008 City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Fess responded to Mr. Boehringer's concerns over the issuance of the contract to MEB at the last City Commission Meeting of September 2, 2008.

Solider Fish, 904 W. Grant Street, voiced his concern and read a prepared letter regarding the lack of a skateboard park in the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated Jeff Meckstroth and Tom Zechman on their retirements, stating good men are hard to replace. Mr. Vogt stated citizens can put their brush and debris from the windstorm out to the curb for pick up, or they can drop it off at the compost site.

Commissioner Martin also congratulated Mr. Meckstroth and Mr. Zechman on their retirement. Mr. Martin also complemented the City Power Department for keeping our power on during the windstorm, and the other departments for help in getting the city cleaned up so quickly.

Commissioner Fess stated the City of Piqua is blessed to have such wonderful people in the Power Plant and in the other departments working for the citizens, and thanked them all for their hard work and dedication. Mrs. Fess thanked Mr. Meckstroth and Mr. Zechman for their service to the City of Piqua.

City Manager Enderle stated Bill Sommer and his crew at the Distribution Department were out working many hours to ensure the citizens of Piqua had power during the recent windstorm. Mr. Enderle stated there are many dedicated loyal and caring employees who work for the City of Piqua who go the extra mile.

Mayor Hudson asked what type of information is given to new residents or new renters coming into the city. Cynthia Holtzapple explained what type of information is provided to new residents. Mayor Hudson stated the City of Piqua would be losing a large number of experienced employees over the next few years, and thanked Mr. Zechman for his service to the community and to the City of Piqua. Mayor Hudson voiced his commitment to have a skateboard park and a community center in the City of Piqua before he leaves office.

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

THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION