

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Residence Pride Awards – OCTOBER 2008

Slides were shown of each of the Residence Pride Award winners, they include:

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| • Elmer & Vickie Steward | 231 McKinley Avenue |
| • Francis Noland (Owner) | |
| • Judy & Allen Wright (Renters) | 636 W. Water Street |
| • The Learning Place | 201 R.M. Davis Parkway |
| • Shad & Donna Freeman | 1600 New Haven Road |
| • Clarence & Lillian Ford (Owners) | |
| • Norma Leiberick (Renter) | 109 Johnston Street |

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION –CRIME PREVENTION – 2008

Mayor Hudson read the proclamation and presented it to Acting Police Chief Bruce Jamison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the minutes of the September 8 Special City Commission Meeting, September 15, Regular City Commission Meeting, August 27 and September 24, 2008 City Hall in the Park minutes be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 25-08

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 36-66 relating to the Municipal Income Tax

Finance Director Cindy Holtzapple briefly went over the proposed changes. There was discussion on how businesses and citizens were to be notified, how losses were to be reported, what constituted a legal loss, and the number of other communities in the area who have the mandatory monthly filing.

Public Comment

Joe Drapp, 1366 Park Avenue, voiced his concern over the smaller business owners having to file on a monthly basis.

Brad Boehringer 128 Mound Street, asked several questions concerning gambling losses and the filing of a profit or loss statement with the City of Piqua Income Tax Department.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 25-08 be given a first reading. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, Martin and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 25-08 be given a first reading.

Res. No. R-108-08

A Resolution of authorization for an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant application for the Riverside Drive/Broadway Phase II reconstruction project

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-108-08.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-108-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Terry, Vogt, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-108-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-109-08

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of a refuse packer truck for the Sanitation Department

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-109-08.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-109-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-109-09 adopted.

RES. NO. R-110-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for Federal Safetea-Lu Funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for the County Road 25-A Phase II Reconstruction Project

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-110-08.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-110-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-110-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-111-08

A Resolution for preliminary consent to award a contract to Peterson Construction Company for the construction of a 3.0 million gallon flow equalization basin and standby power generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

There was discussion on the dollar amount that was set-aside in the budget for this project, and the design cost. Acting Public Works Director Amy Havenar gave a brief overview of the design cost and how it is broken down.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-111-08.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-111-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-111-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-112-08

A Resolution declaring and designating a blighted area in the City of Piqua, Ohio

Commissioner Terry stated she has received several comments about the term “blighted” being used in regards to the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Vogt asked if by using the term “blighted” would the homes in the area lose their value in any way. City Manager Enderle stated no, it is just a definition or term the Federal Government uses and it does not affect the property values in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Fess asked if the matching funds were just for businesses only. City Manager Enderle stated yes, only businesses would be eligible to receive the matching funds from the grant.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-112-08

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-112-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-112-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-113-08

A Resolution approving the fiscal year 2008 Community Development Block Grant Revitalization program application

Commissioner Martin asked if any downtown property owner could utilize the funds for any internal or external improvements. City Manager Enderle stated yes, the funds could be used for either internal or external improvements to their businesses.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-113-08.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-113-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, Fess and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-113-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-114-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the landscape design services to the I-75/US Route 36 interchange in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Transportation US Route 36 bridge deck Replacement project over I-75

Acting Public Works Director Amy Havenar gave a brief explanation on the deck replacement and the landscape design plans.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-114-08.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-114-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-114-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-115-08

A Resolution adopting a Long Range Financial plan for the City of Piqua

City Manager Enderle went over the long-range financial plan for the 2009, and by tying to bring revenues and expenses back together either by raising revenues or cutting expenses. Mr. Enderle stated we need to start taking some action to narrow the gap in the Plan. What we have tried to do in the plan is to avoid layoffs and avoid drastic service cuts, but what we have tried to do is to look at opportunities to stream line businesses, look at personal and opportunities down the road to change job descriptions as they become available. Before we can finish the 2009 budget we need to decide what the long-range plan will be, and we would like to adopt the plan as soon as possible, said Mr. Enderle.

There was discussion among the Commissioners on the various department's expenditures and revenues. Some of the items included the increase in pool fees, housing inspections for every home not just for rentals and various other items.

Public Comment

Brad Boehringer 128 Mound Street, asked several questions on some of the line items discussed, and voiced his opinion about the five referendums that will appear on the November ballot regarding the property maintenance issues.

Bill Hogston, Greene Street, asked if the Long Range Financial Plan overview that was presented would be available to the citizens. City Manager Enderle stated the information that was presented is available on the website under the agenda package.

Commissioner Fess stated she would like to see Resolution No. R-115-08 tabled until the next meeting to give the community time to get their input on these budget recommendations.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to table Resolution No. R-115-08 until the October 20, 2008 Piqua City Commission meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin. Fess, Hudson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-115-08 tabled until October 20, 2008.

OTHER

Monthly Reports

Monthly Reports were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Ramer, 1611 Broadway, representing the Citizens for Piqua Neighborhoods, asked citizens to vote for the five ordinances that will appear on the November ballot.

Brad Boehringer, 128 Mound Street, came forward to voice his opinion and to urge voters to vote against the five ordinances on the November ballot.

Bill Mader, 324 S. Downing Street, voiced his opinion on the Health Board and several other issues.

Roy Howard, 6630 Spiker Road, voiced his concern on the property maintenance issues.

Commissioner Vogt explained how the civil fines for traffic are enforced, and how the fines for code violations were designed.

Commissioner Martin stated he attended the Civil Appeals Board this past week and witnessed three separate cases. All of the city employees were respectful and polite and feels the Appeals Board is very well structured.

Commissioner Fess stated she feels when someone comes to the podium to speak the Commission should be able to respond to them, and then clarified several other statements that were brought up previously in the meeting. Commissioner Fess also congratulated the Heritage Festival on being selected as one of the top one hundred festivals in the United States. Tom Zechman, former Public Works Director was previously asked by Commissioner Fess exactly how much money was actually applied for and received in grants in his tenure with the City of Piqua. The City of Piqua received about twenty-seven million dollars in grant money under Mr. Zechman, which is quite amazing, said Commissioner Fess.

Commissioner Terry congratulated the Residence Pride Winners and stated she attend the send off for the World War II Veterans trip to Washington D.C. Commissioner Terry inquired as to the Neighborhood Associations status on receiving the 501-C3 distinction. City Manager Enderle stated that Bill Lutz is looking into it at this time. There was discussion of complaints received stating the City of Piqua is not being sensitive to property owners when investigating complaints. City Manager Enderle stated he feels the city employees do the best job they can in the very trying circumstances they encounter.

Mayor Hudson asked City Manager Enderle to give a brief update on his recent trip to Germany with the Troy Development Council. City Manager Enderle explained he traveled to Germany and visited with eight different companies, and the city will be putting together some site packages for them to review when they come over in early 2009. It was a very good trip and we hope to have a few possible prospects come to our area, said City Manager Enderle.

Mayor Hudson stated he has had several calls concerning Channel 2 missing from the Time Warner lineup and asked if the city could look into the contract. City Manager Enderle stated he would look into the contract the city has with Time Warner, but the city does not have a lot of control over them. Mayor Hudson stated he would like to move the local Channel 5 and Channel 13 if he could to another cable supplier other than Time Warner.

Mayor Hudson reminded citizens it is time of year for political signs and asked citizens not to place the signs in the right of way. The grand opening date for the Fort Piqua Plaza will take place on Sunday, October 19 with public tours and a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at 5:00 P.M., said Mayor Hudson.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:30 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

