

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 26-08
(3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 93.04 of the Piqua Code relating to Fire Prevention

Several questions were raised concerning the pending arbitration and the effect it would have on Ordinance No. 26-08. Law Director Stacy Wall explained how the Piqua Charter reads and stated Ordinance No. 26-08 is not in conflict with the Firefighters contract at this time. What the Firefighters Union is grieving has nothing to do with Ordinance No. 26-08, said Mrs. Wall.

Public Comment

Robert Bloom, representing the Piqua Firefighters Local 252 Union, voiced his opposition to Ordinance No.26-08 and explained his reasons. Mr. Bloom further stated the firefighters believe that there is a civil service process for selecting promotion candidates and does not believe the process was followed at this time.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the difference between taking the Assistant Fire Chief test for Fire Prevention Officer and for the Assistant Chief Shift Officer. City Manager Enderle explained what this would do is eliminate reference to rank specific for the office, to provide flexibility in the level of length that we could choose to fill that position. Law Director Wall stated the current contract refers to the Assistant Fire Chiefs as an officer contract, because it distinguishes between the Assistant Fire Chief for Fire Prevention in terms of their hours, because that position has been a 40-hour position rather than the other Assistant Chiefs who are on shifts at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 26-08 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 26-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-121-08

A Resolution establishing a City Commission 2009 calendar of meetings

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-121-08.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-121-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-121-08 adopted.

RES. NO. R-122-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Miami County Board of Commissioners to replace the existing sanitary sewer agreement to include providing sanitary sewer to the Village of Fletcher

There was discussion on the share of the cost to the city, and how much would need to be approved before the County was able to apply for a grant for the extension. City Manager Enderle stated previously the city has agreements with the Monnin Subdivision, the Country Club, and the Greens of Springcreek to provide sanitary sewer. City Engineer Amy Havenar explained that the City of Piqua has committed \$150,000 to the county in order for them to apply for the grant.

Public Comment

Miami County Sanitary Engineer Pat Turnball explained Miami County applied for a \$400,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works, and stated it is a win-win situation for all three communities involved.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-122-08 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-122-08 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, voiced his opinion on Ordinance No. 26-08.

Mike Foster, Main Street, asked several questions concerning the caterers that are to be approved to serve at the Fort Piqua Plaza after the first of the year, and how the Committee was chosen for approving caterers. City Manager Enderle stated he would be glad to speak to Mr. Foster after the meeting and set up a time to get together to discuss his questions.

A Washington Avenue resident voiced his opinion on the property maintenance appeal process.

Tony Homer, President of the PYBSA, voiced his opinion on the current lease the with the City of Piqua and the PYBSA, stating the City is trying to change things in the lease since no one has been able to locate a signed copy of the lease. Mr. Homer further stated the PYBSA has been acting on this lease for the past two years and would like to continue if possible.

Roy Howard, Spiker Road, voiced his opinion on the legislation on the November ballot that was not passed on November 4, 2008 and asked for an explanation. Law Director Wall explained how the City would address the issues. The Commission will decide where to go from here and decide how to proceed at this time.

Lori Dorman, member of the PYBSA presented a letter to Mayor Hudson from a parent regarding the PYBSA and the select teams. Mrs Dorman also voiced her opinion on the lease between the City of Piqua and the PYBSA. Mayor Hudson accepted the letter from Mrs. Dorman.

Mayor Hudson stated the election was held, and three ordinances were turned down and two were passed, he has no problem with respecting the publics vote, and encouraged the commission to honor those passed, and rescind the three that were defeated.

Commissioner Vogt stated he felt the citizens read the ballot issues and voiced their opinions.

Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern about several letters to the editor in the Piqua Daily Call, and stated he was thankful he had the opportunity to vote.

Commissioner Vogt stated he would like to challenge the P.O.I.N.T. Group, The Neighborhood Associations, citizens, and the City to be pro-active instead of reactive on property maintenance issues. Take care of your own home and property, work together with your neighbors to keep their properties up to code, said Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Martin asked when the Board of Elections would have the certified results of the ordinances from the November 4, 2008 ballot. Law Director Wall stated she has not received them yet, but she doesn't expect there to be any changes.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to rescind the three defeated ordinances, seconded by Commissioner Vogt. Commissioners Fess, Martin and Vogt all agreed. City Manager Enderle stated this will be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting in the form of a resolution.

Commissioner Martin inquired as how citizens could donate money to help with the repairs to homes in Piqua. City Manager Enderle stated Renew Piqua was set up to help citizens with repairs. Commissioner Martin asked citizens to make contributions to the Renew Piqua Fund to continue to help with repairs.

Commissioner Fess stated for the last twelve plus years the community has been asking for a Skate Park, and now has been able to find several grants available, and would like to set up a Task Force to establish a skate park in the City of Piqua. Commissioner Martin has agreed to set on the Task Force with Commissioner Fess and a meeting has been set on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at Mote Park for parents and children to attend.

Commissioner Terry stated she would like to encourage parents and children to attend the PYSBA meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at Mote Park.

City Manager Enderle stated there are several positions available on various boards and committees and read a list of the openings. Applications can be picked up in the City Managers Office for those interested in applying for any one of the positions, said Mr. Enderle.

Mayor Hudson stated the ultimate objective of the City is to serve the youth of Piqua, and commended Commissioners Fess and Martin for taking the lead on the Skate Board Park.

Mayor Hudson asked if citizens have questions or concerns to contact their Commissioner or the City Manager to get the information or answers they need.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:05 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