

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009
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. Vice Mayor Fess called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Vogt, Fess, and Terry. Absent: Mayor Hudson.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to excuse Mayor Hudson from the February 17, 2009 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. No. R-20-09

A Resolution authorizing application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funding through the Natural Works Program for certain improvements at Mote Park

City Manager Enderle stated the estimated overall cost of the skateboard park will be \$500,000 and if the city receives the \$25,000 grant \$18,000 would be designated for the design and site preparation. The remaining funds will be raised through community fundraising and an undetermined match from the City.

There was discussion concerning the amount of the grant, where the matching funds would come from, what the grant would be used for, and the time frame for the use of the grant funds.

Commissioner Fess stated the project is still in the early stages, and is not set in stone to what they expect to be able to do. The Skate Park Steering Committee will be asking for donations to offset some the expenses.

Commissioner Martin stated he and Commissioner Fess met with the Skateboard Steering Committee and they are committed to helping raise the funds needed to complete this project.

Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern over the cost of the Skate Park, and feels the city should not obligate themselves to the \$500,000 figure at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 20-09.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-20-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, and Fess, Nay, Vogt. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote. Vice Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-20-09 adopted by a 3-1 vote.

Res. No. R-21-09

A Resolution entering into a Joint Cooperative Agreement with Auglaize County, Shelby County, Miami County, and the cities of Troy and Sidney for the Administration of the State of Ohio's Regional Neighborhood Stabilization program

City Manager Enderle gave a brief overview citing the money was allocated through a three-county region being Auglaize, Shelby, Miami counties, and the cities of Troy and Piqua. Miami County was chosen as the agency to administer the 1.1 million dollar grant for the three county areas. There are three components of the program to spend the money: Demolition of foreclosed and deteriorated structures, land-banking structures or properties, and rehabilitation of structures or properties.

Bill Lutz, Community Development Director explained the reason for the demolition of property and what would have to be done with the land upon completion of the demolition. When it comes to demolition it is a lot simpler to have the ownership of the property to remain in the hands of the property owner, if the city were to take ownership of a property and demolish it, the city would have to guarantee that within 10 years a new housing structure would have to be built on that property, and a low to moderate income person or family would be required to live within the structure.

Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern and the current housing codes if structures were to be taken down.

Questions were asked if the money could be used to help stop foreclosures, and if the reason for the purchase of these homes was for demolition for land use value.

There was discussion concerning the private property owner, and if he would have to rebuild on the demolition site, what would happen if the site was not suitable to rebuild on, if any of the money could be used for rehabilitation of homes, and how long would the money be available.

Mr. Lutz explained how the money would be applied, who would be eligible, and what would happen to the properties if the houses were taken down.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 21-09.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-21-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, and Vogt, Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-21-09 adopted.

RES. No. R-22-09

A Resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Miami County solid waste management district

Amy Welker, Health & Sanitation Director summarized the Miami County solid waste management district information citing every Solid Waste District in the State of Ohio is required to adopt a solid waste management plan and from time to time update that plan. The county is asking that the City of Piqua adopt the latest update to the existing plan.

The plan is basically the same as previous years with some minor adjustments. Items that are new to the plan or have changed include:

- Litter grant for the Miami County Municipal Court
- A Debris Management Plan for the county added
- Started electronics recycling program in 2005
- Started separated household hazardous waste program in 2006
- Started Special Event recycling program in 2006
- Redesigned website so more educational items are included

Commissioner Vogt stated he would like to take more time to read over the information given them.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-22-09.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-22-09 be tabled. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-22-09 tabled.

RES. No. R-23-09

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of two properties located at 214 and 217 North Roosevelt Avenue, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio

City Manager Enderle stated the intention is to purchase these properties for demolition, and are being purchased for the redevelopment land bank program having been approved for CBDG funding. Both properties were the subject of foreclosure and were acquired by the Piqua Improvement Corporation and are being purchased for the land value.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R.23-09.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-23-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Vogt, and Martin, Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-23-09 be adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Vogt stated he is not against the skate park but is just not sure where the money would come from. Commissioner Vogt attended the opening of the new Senior Center at the YMCA and stated it is a great addition to the City of Piqua.

Vice Mayor Fess stated this is a good example of the community working together.

Commissioner Terry stated the Senior Center is open three days a week from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and encouraged seniors to attend the activities. The Piqua Parks hosted a Daddy/Daughter Dance last week, and sign-ups for youth cheerleading are to be held on Wednesday February 25, 2009 at Mote Park, said Commissioner Terry.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:10 P.M. and to move into Executive Session to prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City personnel. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn from the Executive Session and the Regular City Commission Meeting at 9:10 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, and Vogt. Nay None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION