

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
February 23, 2009
5:00 P.M.
201 WEST WATER STREET
PIQUA, OHIO 45356

Piqua City Commission met in a Special Work Session in the Commission Chambers in the Municipal Government Complex, 201 W. Water Street for a work session. Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Absent: Fess. Also in attendance: City Manager Fred Enderle, City Engineer Amy Havenar, Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple, Water Plant Superintendent Ron Klima. Also present were, Dick Haynes, Alan Miller, Curtis Locker, Ron Smith, Chris Werst, Mike Scherer, Steve Liddy, Jonathan Hanselman, Jim Swarts, Lloyd Fry, Teri Mayo, Jeff Lange, and Scott Phillips.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to excuse Commissioner Fess from the February 23, 2009 Piqua City Commission Work Session. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None.

Purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss Water Plant Feasibility Study – Amy Havenar and Todd Brandenburg

City Manager Fred Enderle gave a brief explanation on the study, and the alternatives that were explored.

Mr. Brandenburg explained in April of 2007, the City of Piqua employed Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD. to provide the city with a Water Treatment Plan Assessment and Master Plan. The results of this study have been received and have undergone a comprehensive review by the administrative staff at the water plant. After careful review of the Jones & Henry Study and discussion at a July study session, the city commission directed staff to explore three options to meet future anticipated state and federal regulations for providing safe drinking water. They were as follows:

- Purchase bulk water from the City of Troy
- Rehabilitate the existing Piqua Water Treatment Plant and develop a ground water source.
- Construct a membrane filtration plant with a groundwater source.

After a lengthy discussion the Commissioners asked questions concerning all three options. Questions included:

- The increase in fees to residents and businesses with each option.
- The cost to add the fluoride to the water.
- Location of the new plant if option three is chosen.
- Maintenance cost for each option.
- EPA Regulations present and future with each option.

Commissioner Martin stated he was concerned about rehabilitating the existing Water Treatment Plant because of the age of the plant. Commissioner Martin was in favor of option three and stated if we decide to build a new facility Piqua would have the “latest and greatest” .

Mayor Hudson stated he was in favor of option three after reviewing all three options. “It looks like a no-brainer to me to build a new plant”, said Mayor Hudson.

Commissioner Terry also agreed, and felt that option three was the best choice at this time. “Lets bite the bullet and do it now”, said Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Vogt also agreed that option three would be the best choice, and in the long run it would be much more cost effective for the city.

After the majority of the Commissioner’s agreed they were in favor of option three, City Manager Enderle said he would begin the process of putting together the necessary paperwork for them to approve the option.

City Manager Enderle complimented the water department staff on keeping the water plant running at this time.

Public Comment

Scott Phillips, 9640 Piqua Lockington Road, asked where the new water plant would be located? City Manager Enderle stated he was not sure at this time where the new water plant would be located.

Dick Haynes, 1138 Broadway, stated the process the city is considering is currently being used in California, and they are recycling wastewater.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 6:30 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson and Vogt.
Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION