

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
APRIL 20, 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. Mayor Hudson called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Vogt, Fess, and Terry. Absent: None.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

City Manager Enderle was not in attendance at the April 20, 2009 Piqua City Commission Meeting due to illness. Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple presided over the Piqua Commission Meeting in the absence of City Manager Enderle.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the minutes of the April 6, 2009 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Martin, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. NO. 2-09**  
**(3rd Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Section 94.20 of the Piqua Code, relating to Community Swimming Pool Fees

**Public Comment**

Roy Howard, Spiker Road, came forward to voice his opinion on the swimming pool fees for the children and adults.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 2-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Hudson, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 2-09 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 3-09**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

**Public Comment**

Chuck Starrett, Demming Road, came forward to voice his opinion on Chapter 38 of the Piqua Code.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to give Ordinance No. 3-09 a first reading. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 3-09 be given a first reading.

**ORD. NO. 4-09**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

An Emergency Ordinance amending Sections 51.02, 51.18, 51.54 and 51.57 of Chapter 51: Sewers of the Piqua Municipal Code.

Mayor Hudson stated this is an emergency ordinance and asked Law Director Stacy Wall to give a brief overview of the Ordinance and the reason for the emergency passage at this time.

**Public Comment**

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue, came forward to inquire if Ordinance No 4-09 was for storm sewer or sanitary sewer changes to the Piqua Municipal Code.

Law Director Stacy Wall explained each section of the Piqua Municipal Code section and the amendments.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 4-09 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 4-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 4-09 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-34-09**

A Resolution retaining the services of McGohan Brabender to provide health insurance consulting services for the City of Piqua

Mike Suttman, Vice President and Partner with McGohan Brabender came forward to explain the brokerage fees, and what services they perform for the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern over the expense for the services of McGohan Brabender, and asked if this was something that could be done in house versus having McGohan Brabender perform the services.

There was discussion among the Commissioners and Mr. Suttman on the various services his company provides, the reason for the need for his type of services, and if any local insurance companies could provide the same type of services for less.

Mr. Suttman answered questions and concerns the commissioners had with his services. McGohan Barbender performs the same type of services for several of the surrounding cities including Troy, Sidney, Covington, West Milton, Tipp City, and Vandalia, said Mr. Suttman.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 34-09.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that Resolution No. R-34-09 be adopted. Roll Call Aye: Martin, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: Vogt. Motion carried on 4-1 roll call vote. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-34-09 adopted on a 4-1 roll call vote.

**RES. NO. 35-09**

A Resolution authorizing application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for funding through the Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation

There was discussion of the type of programs and materials this grant would cover for the Police Department. Police Chief Jamieson gave a brief overview of what the grant funds would be used for.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-35-09.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-35-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-35-09 adopted.

### **Proclamation**

Proclaiming the month of April 2009 as Poppy Days in the City of Piqua

Mayor Hudson read the proclamation.

### **Public Comment**

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue came forward to voice his opinion on the Commissioner Martin's abstaining from the vote on the Piqua Plaza Resolution to fund the additional money for the completion of the project including Toon P. Wiggins Restaurant at the April 6, 2009 Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Mike Perando, Third Street, voiced his concern over the youth baseball league controlling the baseball diamonds in the Shawnee area, citing that all baseball fields should be open for all residents to play on them when they are in a neighborhood park area. Mr. Perando would like to see at least one or two of the baseball diamonds open for the public to play on without a fee.

Chain link fence has been offered to the Shawnee Neighborhood Association to be put around a small garden area and around a culvert area that has been a danger to the area, and wanted to know if it would be a problem to install the fence, said Mr. Perando. Mayor Hudson stated he would have the City Manager check into it for him. Law Director Wall asked that Mr. Perando contact her regarding the fence after the meeting.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to the status of the Historical Sign in Shawnee that was damaged recently, would it be replaced, and by whom. Police Chief Bruce Jamison stated he would look into it and get back to him. Law Director Wall explained the process in replacing the sign.

Commissioner Martin inquired about grass on Nicklin Avenue in the boulevards where the trees have been taken out. Commissioner Terry stated the plan is to replace the trees this summer, and there is still work to be done yet on the area first.

Commissioner Martin also inquired about the status of the Bike Path Bridge over the river. Law Director Wall stated they have received bids on the repairs and bids will be awarded soon. Commissioner Martin asked if it would be possible to have steps on the south side of the embankment for residents to access the bike path.

Commissioner Fess wished City Manager Enderle get-well wishes.

Commissioner Terry stated the North Parks Neighborhood Association held a very successful mulch sale at Wilder School, and the next meeting of the North Parks Neighborhood Association will be held on May 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Wilder School and it is open to the public.

Mayor Hudson voiced his concern about children playing under the Shawnee Bridge and asked if someone would check on it for safety reasons. Mayor Hudson also stated there seems to be a deer problem in the Maplewood-Park Avenue area and asked residents not to feed them.

Law Director Wall stated the Charter Review Committee will hold their first meeting on April 30, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the City Commission Chambers.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:30 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Hudson, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION