

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
May 18, 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.

**Presentation of Award**

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award from State Auditor Mary Taylor

Dave Landon, a representative of the State Auditor's Office, read and presented the award to Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple.

Mrs. Holtzapple thanked Mr. Landon for the award and thanked all the Commissioners, City Manager Enderle, Department Heads, and city employees for their support and dedication to the goals of the Finance Department. Mrs. Holtzapple stated she wanted to especially thank the Finance Office Staff: Lisa, Robin, Mike, Kim, Candi, Stacy, and Bev. "Without them this would not have been possible. They are truly dedicated individuals and the pursuit of accounting and financial excellence is always in their thoughts", said Mrs. Holtzapple.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that the minutes of the May 4, 2009 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Martin, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 3-09.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Ordinance No. 3-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 3-09 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 5-09**  
**(1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Section 154.005 and Section 154.126 of the Piqua Code, relating to the temporary use of land, a building, or a premises

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing, gave a brief overview of the changes in the code sections and the reason behind the changes. Mr. Schmiesing

Mr. Schmiesing introduced two members of the Planning Commission in attendance, Jean Franz and Chairman Mark Spoltman.

Planning Commission Chairman, Mark Spoltman spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission, stating this is to close a hole in the code that came up about a month ago. Mr. Spoltman further stated within two weeks there was a proposal given to the Planning Commission at a Special Meeting for review, and most notably was the use of the POD units. This was reviewed and the language was changed to reflect the use of the industrial storage facilities on a temporary basis.

There was discussion on various sections of the code including the start and end dates for temporary use permits, can permit times be extended if needed, and the type of wheelchair ramp that would require a temporary use permit, and would this address the temporary use such as the shaved ice stand on Covington Avenue. Mr. Schmiesing addressed all the questions.

Planning Commission member Jean Franz, stated a lot of thought and discussion was put in to the changes recommended by the Planning Commission members before bringing it to the City Commission for adoption. Mrs. Franz urged the Commissioners to adopt Ordinance No. 5-09.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 5-09.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 5-09 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Hudson, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 5-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Terry, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Mayor Hudson then declared Ordinance No. 5-09 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-40-09**

A Resolution approving a contract extension with Miami County to maintain certain radios and computer equipment

There was discussion the type of radios to be used, updates that may be needed to existing radios, and the possibility for the need to purchase radios down the road.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 40-09.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-40-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-40-09 adopted.

**RES. NO. 41-09**

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the Planning Commission Representative

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-41-09.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-41-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, Vogt and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-41-09 adopted.

**RES. No. R-42-09**

A Resolution entering into a programmatic agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office for the administration of programs funded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development

Community Development Director gave a brief overview of the need for Resolution No. R-42-09, and how it benefits the City of Piqua.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-42-09.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-42-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Vogt, Martin, Fess, and Terry. Nay. None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson declared Resolution No. R-42-09 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-43-09**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPC) for Air Pollution Control Services, to adopt Air Pollution Control Regulations

Health & Sanitation Director, Amy Welker, gave a brief overview of the need for the agreement with Regional Air Pollution Control Agency for air pollution control in the City of Piqua. Also the need to update the air pollution regulations was explained.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-43-09.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-43-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Hudson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-43-09 adopted.

**Public Comment**

Lloyd Smith, Washington Road, came forward to ask if something could possibly be done about the empty field behind his home that has very high weeds. Commissioner Fess stated she had driven out to the see the field in question. City Manager Enderle stated he would look into it for him.

Commissioner Vogt stated he attended the Taste of the Arts held in downtown Piqua on May 15<sup>th</sup> and commended Lorna Swisher and her committees on a job well done.

Commissioner Vogt stated he attended the Memorial Service for former Mayor/City Commissioner Robert DeBrosse, and extended his condolences to the family.

The annual Car Show will be held on August 1, 2009 at the Roadside Park on Rt. 66, with the grand prize this year of \$500 cash, said Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Vogt stated he has driven around the city and has seen a lot of debris just lying around, and reminded citizens to call the Health Department for extra pickup if needed. The City of Piqua will not have their annual cleanup this year, but the city has unlimited pickup service on a weekly basis, said Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Vogt commented on the letter to the editor recently in the Piqua Daily Call on the request for stimulus funds, and asked if someone could explain the process. City Manager Enderle gave a brief overview on how the stimulus funds were applied for.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to the status of the Street Department positions being filled. City Manager Enderle explained what has happened so far with the transfer of people from other departments, and the need to interview for the positions that are available after all the transferring is completed.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to the status of the Piqua Bike Path going south, and when it would be completed. City Manager Enderle explained.

Commissioner Fess stated she is really excited about the information that is coming back from the Charter Review Committee and the work they are doing.

Commissioner Fess congratulated Tom Westfall on being named Teacher of the Year at Piqua High School.

Commissioner Terry voiced her concern about the number of mopeds and the uneven pavement along the curbs where they ride, the need for street sweeping, and the possible repair of the potholes. City Manager Enderle stated he has a meeting set up next week with the Street Superintendent to put together a paving plan and go over street sweeping schedule.

Mayor Hudson offered his condolences to the family of former Mayor/Commissioner Robert DeBrosse.

Mayor Hudson stated the William McCulloch Public Square Dedication is scheduled for July 2, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. and invited citizens to attend.

Mayor Hudson inquired as to the status of the old Piqua Memorial Hospital demolition site cleanup.

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing, gave a brief overview on the project, citing there are three phases to the cleanup and Phase One has been completed, Phase Two should be completed by mid July, and Phase Three should then take only about 30-60 days to complete. There was discussion of the possibility of reuse of the facility, and what steps would be taken if the cleanup were not completed.

Mayor Hudson asked if a new Economic Development Director had been chosen yet. City Manager Enderle stated they are getting closer to making an offer for the position, citing they have conducted several interviews but have not made a decision yet.

Mayor Hudson invited citizens to attend the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and to attend the dedication of the Samuel F. Pearson Highway following the parade.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:31 P.M. Roll call: Aye, Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Move into executive Session to prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City personnel.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Executive Session at 9:35 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

