

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
JUNE 1, 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.

PROCLAMATION - Recognition of the Birthday of the U.S. Army – Army Representative

Staff Sergeant Joshua Tucker, local Army Recruiter accepted the Proclamation.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Fess, that the minutes of the May 18, 2009 Regular City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Martin, Hudson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-44-09

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of a Mini-Digger Derrick for the Power System

Ed Krieger, Power Plant Director presented a five-minute video illustrating the use and versatility of the Mini-Digger Derrick. The Mini-Digger Derrick was shown in an area off State Route 66 being utilized bringing a new pole into an area and setting it, moving and hanging a transformer on a pole, and the use of the bucket attachment that allows workers to work on transformers on the poles. The Mini-Digger Derrick will make it much easier to get into some of the smaller backyards and areas that are not accessible with the bucket trucks now. This piece of equipment is capable of getting through a thirty-six inch gate and into any backyard in Piqua, said Mr. Krieger.

There was discussion on various aspects of the uses of the Mini-Digger Derrick, the number of bids that were received, and the cost of the Mini-Digger Derrick versus the cost of rental of a similar machine over the years. City Manager Enderle stated this expense was part of the ten-year capital plan, and was a planned expenditure in the budget.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 44-09.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-44-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-44-09 adopted.

RES. NO. 45-09

A Resolution approving the fiscal year 2009 Formula Allocation program application

Bill Lutz, Community Development Director gave a brief overview of the program and what the funds were to be used for. The grant money will be used to rehabilitate the Mote Park facilities, which include boiler system replacement, kitchen and restroom improvements, window and door replacements, and city administrative reimbursement, and the Fair Housing Program. By utilizing these funds for the improvements at Mote Park, it will free up money to work on some of the other parks, said Mr. Enderle. Mr. Lutz further stated the funds applied for are over and above the annual allocation the city normally receives, and explained why the funds were applied for at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-45-09.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-45-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, Vogt and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-45-09 adopted.

RES. No. R-46-09

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park, Hardman Field and Hance Pavilion to the Piqua Fourth of July Association

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-46-09.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-46-09 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hudson, Vogt, Martin, Fess, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson declared Resolution No. R-46-09 adopted.

RES. NO. R-47-09

A Resolution awarding a contract for the Riverside Drive – Phase 1 Reconstruction Project to Star-Ex, Inc.

City Manager Enderle stated this contract was awarded to Star Ex, Inc. after receiving ten bids. City Engineer Amy Havenar gave a brief overview of the application for the \$400,000 Issue 2 funds requested from the Ohio Public Works Commission for this project. The project will include the installation of new storm sewer, sanitary sewer, fire hydrants, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and new asphalt roadway surface. The project is scheduled to begin June 15, 2009 and should be completed by the end of December 2009, said Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-47-09.

Moved by Commissioner Fess, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-47-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hudson, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-47-09 adopted.

RES. NO. R-48-09

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Miami County Board of Commissioners for the bidding and construction phase of the Fletcher Sanitary Sewer Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer stated the agreement includes specific details regarding the size of the gravity sewer main, the length of the gravity sewer construction, reimbursement requirements, and further explained how the contract will be divided and bid out.

There was discussion of the funding, who will be bidding out the contract and when, the location of the sewer main, problems that may arise when digging, the upsizing of the sewer main, and the cost for upsizing of the mains.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-48-09.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. 48-09 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Hudson, Terry, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Hudson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hudson then declared Resolution No. R-48-09 adopted.

Other

Monthly Reports – April 2009

Monthly Reports for April 2009 were accepted.

Public Comment

Luke Bolin, Ann Street, stated the alley behind the old Smith Greenhouse on Broadway is almost completely blocked with brush, and asked if someone would look into it. City Manager Enderle stated he is working on an alley plan at this time, and will check on the alley in question.

Roy Howard, Spiker Road, stated there is a large hole at the south entrance to East Street off of South Main Street, and asked if someone would look into it. City Manager Enderle stated he would look into it.

Commissioner Vogt stated the Memorial Day Parade and the dedication of the Memorial Highway section in honor of Samuel Pearson were both very nice and well attended. The properties along the parade route seemed to be very well maintained, better than they have looked in the last few years, said Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the Power Plant, MainStreet Piqua, Lorna Swisher, Cindy Holtzapple, and the Finance Department on their recent awards. We certainly have a lot of award winning positive things happening in Piqua, said Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Vogt stated he feels there is too much negativity in the City of Piqua and wants citizens to recognize all the good things that happen in the city, such as the recent awards received. Commissioner Vogt would like citizens to promote the positive happenings, and not focus on the negative things, stating there are a lot more positive than negative things happening in Piqua, they just don't get as much attention.

Commissioner Martin mentioned he has received several emails concerning lawns in need of mowing, and stated citizens should if possible get on line to the City Web page on the E-Gov section of the City page and leave the information, or contact the Health Department or the City Manager's office.

Commissioner Fess asked that citizens be more positive about things happening in Piqua, and to promote Piqua in a more positive way. Piqua has a lot of positive things to offer, said Commissioner Fess.

Commissioner Fess stated she received a telephone call from Mrs. Smith on Washington Pike concerning the weeds behind her home not being completely mowed, and asked what the status is on getting the weeds taken care of properly.

Commissioner Fess asked if someone could explain the on Demand Electric Charges on Commercial customers. Ed Krieger, Power Plant Superintendent gave a brief explanation on the Electric Demand Charges to the Commercial customers.

Commissioner Fess stated she received several complaints about the Ohio Action Committee group that is going door to door. City Manager Enderle gave a brief overview of what the Ohio Action Committee is asking for, and what citizens should do when contacted by the group.

Commissioner Terry announced the next Northparks Neighborhood Association meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 7:00 P.M. at Das Park and invited all to attend.

Commissioner Terry also wished the Army a Happy Birthday, stating she feels we the have the best Army in the world, and we are very fortunate it is an all-volunteer Army.

Commissioner Terry thanked Bruce Hogston and the Memorial Day Association committee for a wonderful Memorial Day Parade this year.

City Manager Enderle stated there are still several Board seats available, two openings on the Golf Board, and one opening on the Energy Board. Citizens can apply for these openings either on the web page or at the City Manager's office.

City Manager Enderle announced the Piqua City Commission will hold a City Commission Work Session on June 3rd, 2009 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers concerning the Ash Street Reconstruction Project, and the Raw Water Study, the public is invited. Also there will be a Public Meeting held on June 11, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers to discuss the Raw Water Engineering Study.

Mayor Hudson inquired as to the status of the homes purchased by the city on Ash Street that are scheduled to be razed sometime in the future. City Manger Enderle gave a brief overview of the process for the demolition of the houses in question. Mayor Hudson also inquired as to the status of the old hospital property on Park Avenue. City Manager Enderle gave a brief rundown on the progress that has been made so far, and stated they are moving along as the plan states.

Mayor Hudson stated he attended a very nice wedding reception at the Piqua Plaza Ballroom with Toon P. Wiggins catering the event. Mayor Hudson stated he was told the facility has been booked every weekend for the rest of the year.

Commissioner Vogt stated he has been getting very positive comments on the Piqua Plaza.

Mayor Hudson stated the dedication for the newest segment of the Great Miami River Recreational Trail will be dedicated on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at Lock Nine Park and invited citizens to attend.

Mayor Hudson mentioned the absence of the trees in the boulevard along Nicklin Avenue and asked when the new plantings will begin. City Manager Enderle gave a brief overview of the timetable for the tree plantings.

Mayor Hudson thanked Bruce Hogston and all the volunteers for another wonderful Memorial Day Parade in the City of Piqua.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission at 8:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Hudson, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION

