

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
June 3, 2009
4:00 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, Fess, and Vogt. Absent: None. Also in attendance: City Manager Fred Enderle, City Engineer Amy Havenar, Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple, Water Plant Superintendent Ron Klima, and Assistant Water Plant Superintendent Todd Brandenburg. Also present were Kara Allison and Hugh Crowell of Hull & Associates.

Purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss The East Ash Street Reconstruction Project and the Raw Water Engineering Study – Hugh Crowell of Hull & Associates Inc, Amy Havenar and Todd Brandenburg.

East Ash Street Reconstruction

City Manager Fred Enderle gave a brief explanation of the Ash Street Reconstruction Project.

There was discussion of a boulevard being in the design of the Ash Street reconstruction, with several of the Commissioners receiving telephone calls and emails from citizens that are not in favor of the boulevard. It was also stated the boulevard could possibly restrict business traffic on Ash Street. There was concern over emergency vehicles getting through and around the reconstruction area, the placement of third lane and where it would begin, and the number of houses that are scheduled to be taken down for the project.

Ed Watkins, Ash Street, voiced his concern over the state of some of the properties along Ash Street. He feels with the addition of the new street they need to enforce the property maintenance codes a little better.

City Engineer Amy Havenar answered questions, and stated the reconstruction project is slated to begin late summer or early fall of 2011.

Chuck Starrett, Demming Road, asked if this was the final phase of the project? City Manager Enderle stated yes, this is the final phase of the project.

Commissioner Vogt stated the Commission appreciates the resident's input on the proposed project, and thanked the residents for attending the meeting.

Raw Water Engineering Study

Senior Project Manager Hugh Crowell of Hull & Associates presented a brief power point presentation on the results of the Raw Water Study. The presentation included: Aesthetics, Waterweed Growth, Lake Shallowing, and Raw Water Quality. Mr. Crowell explained each of the various areas and how they are affected. (See copy of power point enclosed)

There was discussion of the short-term and long-term options available, and several questions were asked regarding the various options. Commissioner Fess asked if someone could explain what a "watershed" is, how the Community Advisory Board members would be chosen, and would it be a city board. Mr. Crowell explained what a watershed is, and how it relates to the process.

Kara Allison of Hull and Associates explained the need for a Community Advisory Board, and who should sit on the board. The Community Advisory Board would not be a city board, it would be a volunteer board with a member of the Soil Conservation District also setting on the board as an advisor, said Ms. Allison. Discussion took place regarding the need for a coordinator, and if grants were available to help defray some of the costs.

There was discussion on the use of milfoil weevil's to help control aquatic vegetation. Mr. Crowell explained how the weevils would be introduced into the water, and what part they would play in helping to control the aquatic vegetation in the ponds. Sediment was also discussed as being a real problem in the waterways, and what can be done to control it.

Finance Director Cindy Holtzapple explained the next step in the process of reviewing the Raw Water Study, and stated a "Public Meeting" is set for June 11, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. to be held in the Piqua City Commission Chambers.

Mrs. Havenar introduced Linda Raterman, Information/Public Relations Specialist, and Aaron Heilers, Drainage Tech from the Miami Soil & Water Conservation District. Ms. Raterman explained some of the low cost alternatives available. Mr. Heilers explained several programs that are available to the City of Piqua including stabilization.

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone for attending and encourage citizens to attend the next Public Meeting on June 11, 2009 in the Commission Chambers at 5:00 P.M.

Finance Director Holtzapple stated letters will be sent out to all who attended the last two public meetings on the Raw Water Study, and information will be available on the website.

Commissioner Fess thanked Hull and Associates for all the information they provided, stating it was very informative and very much appreciated.

Mayor Hudson stated this is a very exciting project for Piqua, and will make our town much better place to live.

Mayor Hudson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 5:20 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, Hudson and Vogt. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS D. HUDSON, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION