

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday September 21, 2010  
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 Fess called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: None.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the September 7, 2010 Regular Piqua City Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the minutes of the September 7, 2010 Regular Piqua City Commission meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION – Homelessness Summit (Report to the Community)**

Jim Vetter, President of the Southview Neighborhood Association, Gloria Riley from the Piqua Compassion Network, and Police Chief Bruce Jamison gave a brief overview of the problems, responses and action items facing the homeless in our community.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding ways people can contact someone if they are in need of help, the locations of the agencies in Piqua that are able to help with the problems the homeless people are facing.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Vetter, Ms. Riley, and Chief Jamison for doing such a wonderful job, and for all their work in putting together the program in Piqua.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 27-10 (1st Reading)**

An Emergency Ordinance to make Appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2010

City Manager Enderle stated the budget is required to be presented in early November before all of the project timing and costs are known. Some of the projects expecting to be done last year will sometimes carryover into the next year. During the current fiscal year, unexpected expenses sometimes occur and this supplemental appropriation allows us to more accurately reflect these changes in our financial statements, and is something that is done every year at this time, said City Manager Enderle.

Commissioners asked several questions including information on the Forest Hill Mausoleum project, how grant money is distributed, Township contract funds, and the progress at the old hospital site on Park Avenue.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 27-10.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 27-10 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 27-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 27-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-107-10**

A Resolution approving the tax rates for the City as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission

City Manager Enderle stated every year at this time we request approval of the certified tax rates to levy property tax on all general duplicates for 2010 to be collected in 2011, and this requires approval by the Commission. Certifications must be received by Miami County by October 1, 2010.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-107-10.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-107-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-107-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-108-10**

A Resolution requesting preliminary legislation for ODOT to rehabilitate structure number MIA 36 11.32 located on US Route 36 approximately 0.44 miles west of Interstate Route 75

City Manager Enderle stated ODOT requires legislation from the local entity prior to commencement of work within the entity. Even though the bridge is located within the City, House Bill 67 states that the Director of Transportation is responsible for the construction, reconstruction, major maintenance and repair, and operation of all bridges locate on the state highway system within a municipal corporation. ODOT will be responsible for all aspects of this project, with no City funds being spent, and the City Engineering Department will be in communication with ODOT throughout the planning and design phase and will keep the Commission apprised of any changes as the project approaches construction, said City Manager Enderle.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-108-10.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-108-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-108-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. 109-10**

A Resolution amending Resolution No. C-10147 in regards to Community Reinvestment

City Manager Enderle stated the community currently has seven Community Reinvestment Areas and this resolution amends Resolution No. C-10147 to amend the boundary of Community Reinvestment Area #5 to include the areas roughly bounded between US Route 36 (East Ash Street) and Garbry Road. These are primarily commercial and industrial areas and include the Miami Valley Centre Mall. Discussions with property owners in the area have indicated a willingness to undertake more investment if more incentives were available, said City Manager Enderle.

**Public Comment**

Peggy Henthorn, Miami Valley Centre Mall Manager came forward and gave a brief explanation on investing in the Mall, and stated she appreciates the cities help.

William Murphy, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director explained what a Community Reinvestment Area is and what it means to the City.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-109-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-109-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-110-10**

A Resolution requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Reynolds Inliner, LLC for the west interceptor sanitary sewer & siphon repair

City Manager Enderle stated this is a request to award the contract to Reynolds Inliner, LLC for the 36” West Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project at a cost not to exceed \$318,683. This is a line that is a large contributor to the inflow and infiltration problem that we have in our sewage treatment plant. Lining this line will stop a lot of the extraneous water from getting into the plant. The estimate for this work was \$550,000 and we got an excellent bid on this at \$318,683.00, said City Manager Enderle.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-110-10.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-110-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-110-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-111-10**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Public Safety Information Sharing Records System Agreement

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would allow the City of Piqua to inter into a public records sharing system with Troy, Tipp City, Covington, and West Milton with the city’s share being approximately \$73,527.12 or (20.48% of the cost) and the second year of maintenance share of \$6,416.79.

Police Chief Jamison gave a brief overview of how the system will work and the benefits to the City of Piqua by sharing in the Public Safety Information Sharing Records System Agreement.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-111-10.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-111-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-111-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-112-10**

A Resolution awarding a contract for the MIA-Washington Avenue resurfacing project to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc.

City Manager Enderle stated this would authorize the City of Piqua to award a contract to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the resurfacing of Washington Avenue from North Street to Broadway (SR 66) for a total length of 0.91 miles. The resurfacing project will consist of profile milling and overlaying of the roadway with a new asphalt surface, and will include all new ADA compliant handicap ramps and pavement markings within the project limits, said City Manager Enderle. The Washington Avenue (0.91 miles) resurfacing project will be completed using 100% stimulus funds. The City of Piqua would

be responsible for paying 100% of any contingencies, if required, in excess of the \$206,937.10 contract price, stated City Manager Enderle.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-112-10.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-112-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-112-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-113-10**

A Resolution supporting the Fiscal-Year 2011 United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Program Application

City Manager Enderle stated our community has many parcels that can be defined as a "Brownfield". Through this grant the City has the opportunity to apply for funding to perform Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments. Over the past three years, the City of Piqua has applied for the \$400,000 program and last year the City's application rated moderately high and hopes to be favorably reviewed again this year. This program is a highly competitive in which only about 20% of the applications are funded, said City Manager Enderle.

**Public Comment**

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street came forward and asked if someone would explain a "Brownfield".

Bill Murphy, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director explained a Brownfield is any parcel of land that is under-utilized that may or may not have environmental contamination. Mr. Murphy stated the ReDo Piqua Plan is available on the Piqua website for viewing, and it identifies twenty sites that had real or perceived challenges.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-113-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-113-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-114-10**

A Resolution requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Morris Heating Cooling Electrical for the 2010 Mote Park Community Center Building Repairs Project

City Manager Enderle stated this would authorize Morris Heating Cooling Electrical to complete the much-needed repairs to the Mote Park Community Center Building. The project is completely funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at a cost not to exceed \$85,400. The repairs include removing all existing windows, exterior doors, and installing new furnaces and air conditioning units.

**Public Comment**

Jean Franz, Parkridge Place, came forward and stated she is very excited about the upcoming repairs to the Mote Park Community Center Building, and thanked all involved for helping to get the funds approved for the much needed repairs.

Commissioner Terry stated she is happy to see a local contractor doing the work at Mote Park, and asked if it would be possible for any part of the repairs to be done by the Neighborhood Association?

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-114-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-114-10 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-115-10**

A Resolution authorizing the payment of funds not to exceed \$219,955 to Brownfield Restoration Group, LLC for the work being completed in accordance with the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Grant received by the Miami County Park District and certifying funds are available for the expenditure

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution is to certify that funds are available and authorizes the expenditure of \$219,955 to Brownfield Group, LLC for Phase II environmental assessment to be completed at the Piqua Power Plant located at 919 S. Main Street, and being funded through the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund. The Clean Ohio Assistance fund is a reimbursement program, and the Park District has requested the City of Piqua pay for the services and then request reimbursement from the State of Ohio through the Park District, said City Manager Enderle.

Mayor Fess inquired if it would be possible to offer tours of the Piqua Power Plant before the demolition begins, she feels a lot of citizens would like to see the inside of the plant and see how the power was generated before it is taken down. Power Systems Director Ed Krieger, stated he thought that it was a good idea and would work on putting something together.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-115-10.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-115-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-115-10 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Edna Stiefel, Boone Street, came forward and voiced her concern about the number of break-ins in the north end of town recently, and asked why the information was not getting in the Piqua Daily Call so residents would be aware of the situation.

Police Chief Jamison stated the Piqua Daily Call does not consider the Police Beat news and no longer publishes it. Citizens should contact the Police Department if they see or hear anything suspicious in their neighborhood and a Police Officer will check it out, said Chief Jamison. Mayor Fess stated they would look at other ways to get information out to the citizens in the future.

**City Commission Comments**

Commissioner Wilson stated the city has received a considerable amount of grant money and is glad to see it being utilized with over \$500,000 in grants at no cost to the city. Commissioner Wilson thanked Police Chief Jamison for his work on the Homelessness Summit, and helping to put together the information on the Public Safety Information Sharing Records System Agreement. The liner for the inceptor sewer has been a long-term problem and by taking care of this at this time it will save money in the long run, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Wilson also reminded citizens of the "Stride & Ride" beginning at Riverside Drive and ending at Lock Nine Park on the Bike Path Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 at Riverside Drive.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens that on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> MainStreet Piqua is hosting Dancing in the Moonlight on Main Street from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Commissioner Terry also stated there is a new program within the city called Save Your Local Economy Three Stores at a Time, “The Three Fifty Project” and asked citizens to patronize the locally owned business in Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt stated at the last Commission Meeting there was an item on the agenda concerning the Stormwater Mapping and he had several telephone calls regarding the money spent on that project. Commissioner Vogt gave a brief explanation on the use of the money and stated the money was taken out of the Stormwater Utility account fund, and that is all the money can be used for, it cannot be transferred into the General Fund or used for any other project.

Commissioner Martin inquired on the status of the pump house in Shawnee, is it close to being automatically functional.

City Engineer Amy Havenar explained the design consultant has ordered new hatches to put in and they will be in September 27<sup>th</sup>, and they have hired a local company to install them. Once these hatches are installed they will work with a local electrician to get all electronics up and running.

Commissioner Martin asked if it would be possible to get grant money for the blighted and slum areas that the city designated last year.

City Manager Enderle stated yes, that is the basis for the reason we designated those areas, we have applied for grants, including CHIP money, and we apply for grants whenever possible.

Commissioner Martin asked if the CDBG money received went to Mote Park for repairs. City Manager Enderle stated CDBG money is an annual allocation we get, but is based upon the levels of blight and poverty in the area not just one project.

Mayor Fess asked if the city has any funds available at this time.

Community Development Director Bill Lutz stated we have received a \$500,000 grant to be used over a two-year period, and there is a waiting list for those funds at this time.

Commissioner Martin asked if they used the One Call System recently to notify citizens about the water main break that occurred at the corner of Sunset & Covington Avenue on September 21, and if it was know what the cause was of the water main break.

Utility Director Dave Burtner gave a brief explanation on the reason for the water main break.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to what citizens can do if they encounter skunks, raccoons, possums and etc, in their yards. Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker explained what citizens can do.

Mayor Fess stated she received a telephone call about numerous potholes on Commercial Street. City Manager Enderle stated it might be possible to mill and fill the street in the near future.

Mayor Fess stated on September 23rd, she would be presenting a proclamation to the Sunrise Center declaring Thursday September 23, 2010 as National Day Care Day in the City of Piqua.

Mayor Fess stated she is overwhelmed by the response of the citizens in support of the four City Commissioners, and thanked all who have either written or called to express their support.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of "Considering pending or imminent litigation" at 8:56 P.M. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Executive Session. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:50 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

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