

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday DECEMBER 21, 2010
7:30 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:00 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.

Special Session

Special Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn into Executive Session to prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for City Personnel at 7:02 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None.

Executive Session

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Fess, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Special Session at 7:31 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to convene as the Piqua City Commission at 7:35 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Fess, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2010 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the December 9, 2010 Piqua City Commission Work Session.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the December 9, 2010 Piqua City Commission Work Session be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 33-10 (3rd Reading-Amended)

An amended Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2011

City Manager Enderle stated this is the third reading of Ordinance No. 33-10 that was amended at the last meeting to include the operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool for an additional \$179,298, which brings the total 2011 budget to 65.3 million dollars. City Manager Enderle went over each line and gave a brief explanation on the fund balance.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 33-10.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Ordinance No. 33-10 be adopted, as amended. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 33-10 adopted, as amended.

ORD. NO. 34-10 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

City Manager Enderle stated this is the third reading to amend the minimum wage rate on Schedule A-1 from \$7.30 per hour to \$7.40 per hour. Passage of the Ordinance will put the City in compliance with state law.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 34-10

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 34-10 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 34-10 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 35-10 (1ST Reading)

An Ordinance to vacate a public alley right of way

City Manager Enderle stated the Municipal Power System has purchased the property located on either side of the subject alley way and plans to consolidate the parcels into one tract of land. The purpose for combining the parcels is to create one tract of land. The purpose for combining the parcels is to create one tract large enough to accommodate construction the new modern Power System Service Center. The subject right-of-way is currently vacant with no existing surface improvements and the primary land use in this area is light industrial. The Piqua Planning Commission unanimously recommended their approval of the public alley right-of-way vacation.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 35-10.

Ordinance No. 35-10 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 36-10 (1ST Reading)

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

City Manager Enderle stated Ordinance No. 36-10 applies to the 2010 Appropriations, and will reflect the final projections that were made to the year end budget, and the appropriate amount to carry thru the end of the year. This needs to be done as an emergency because it covers the last ten days of the year, stated City Manager Enderle.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 36-10 to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 36-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 36-10 adopted.

Mayor Fess stated she wanted to make a comment concerning the budget. The Commission passed the 2011 Budget without a lot of discussion but wanted citizens to know that the Commission has spend hours and hours, and had quite a few meetings and budget hearings to discuss the budget. This budget was not taken lightly and this Ordinance will clean up the 2010 Budget at this time, said Mayor Fess.

RES. NO. R-150-10

A Resolution awarding a contract to Wenco, Inc. for design and construction management of a new Power System Service Center

City Manager Enderle stated Resolution No. 150-10 is authorizing the services of Wenco, Inc. to provide design and construction management services associated with the construction of the new consolidated Power System Service Center at a cost not to exceed \$400,000. The Power System has included \$150,000 in the 2011 budget for design services, and \$545,000 for early site work including utilities to the Service Center property. It is anticipated that approximately half (\$200,000) of Wenco's fees will be paid in 2011, and the remaining portion \$200,000 to be budgeted and paid in 2012 when the majority of the Service Center construction will be completed, said City Manager Enderle.

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger gave a brief overview of the presentation that was given to the Piqua Energy Board previously. This Resolution is just for the design and construction plans at this time.

Commissioner Wilson stated it should be less than \$400,000, and the fact that local preference of 5% is still given for local contractors bidding on the project should help the bids.

Public Comment

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue, a member of the Piqua Energy Board, stated he wanted to point out both the consulting firm and building itself will be paid for out of funds the city currently has available and will not have a negative effect on any electric utility rates.

Mr. Krieger pointed out the work being done this year is coming out of the cash reserves, and a if we have to take debt for the building, the only other debt the Power System has comes off the books next year and there would not be a rate increase required.

Mr. Drapp stated the Piqua Power System has been managed very well over the years, and is one of the most outstanding Electric Companies in the country.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-150-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-150-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-151-10

A Resolution requesting authorization to purchase the real property and building(s) located at 517 E. Ash Street on the E. Ash Street Reconstruction Project, payable to Wendy Deras, in the amount not to exceed \$56,000

City Manager Enderle stated the E. Ash Street Reconstruction project has been in the planning & design stages for a number of years. We are nearing the final phase of the project prior to the start of construction, which is scheduled for November of 2011. The right-of-way acquisition phase is the last phase of the project that needs to be completed. This acquisition includes the property located at 517 E. Ash Street; an appraisal has been completed which resulted in the appraisal value of the property at \$56,000. The schedule for the right-of-way acquisition portion is for all work to be completed and on file with the Ohio Department of Transportation by June of 2011.

Mayor Fess inquired as to how the purchase price was determined. City Manager Enderle explained how the appraisals are prepared, and how the city works with the property owner on the final appraisal amount.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-151-10.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-151-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-151-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-152-10

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Labor Contract with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC (Fire Officers)

City Manager Enderle stated this is the three-year Labor Contract with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC Fire Officers the City has offered for a three-year contract.

Public Comment

Bob Bloom, President Elect of the Firefighters Local Union 252, stated he came to support the Firefighters Agreement stating it is an acceptable agreement. This year the negotiating process was very cordial and very productive, said Mr. Bloom, and thanked the negotiating committee for all their work on the contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-152-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-152-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-153-10

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Labor Contract with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC

City Manager Enderle stated this is the three-year contract with Labor Contract with Local Union 252, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO-CLC.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-153-10.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-153-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-153-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-154-10

A Resolution authorizing the City Manger to execute a Labor Contract with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

City Manager Enderle stated this is the Labor Contract with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Commissioner Wilson stated this resolution and the previous two resolutions are all positive agreements on the both the city's side and the city employee's side, and will be very helpful as we move forward with the budget in 2011.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-154-10.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-154-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-154-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-155-10

A Resolution authorizing transfers of cash from the General Fund to the other funds for the fiscal year 2010

City Manager Enderle explained the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the various Funds, and the transfer of other funds to the debt service sinking fund for the year 2010. This is the final accounting for 2010, said City Manager Enderle.

Commissioner Martin stated Ordinance 36-10 and Resolution No. 155-10 go together. City Manager Enderle explained that the Ordinance appropriates the dollars, and the Resolution authorizes the transfer of dollars to the appropriate funds as stated.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-155-10.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-155-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-155-10 adopted.

RES. NO. R-156-10

A Resolution authorizing transfers of cash from the General Fund to the other funds for the fiscal year 2011

City Manager Enderle explained the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the various other Funds, and set up the 2011 Budget,

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-156-10.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-156-10 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-156-10 adopted.

OTHER

Economic Development Update – Mr. Bill Murphy

Mr. Murphy provided a power-point presentation on the recent development activity that has taken place in 2010, and talked about the initial plans for economic development efforts in 2011.

Attract

We are currently working with four prospects that are looking at a variety of expansion projects in the community. And this year we had four significant project announcements they included: Trupoint, Evenflo, Denizen, and U.S Kondo.

Consultant Engagement: We had thirty Substantive Contacts in 2010 not just by letters; these were one on one meetings about opportunities that exist in the City of Piqua. Piqua also lead a delegation down to Atlanta, Georgia where we talked one on one with site selection consultants and corporate real estate professionals about the opportunities that exist in the region, and specifically in Piqua.

Retention

We have accomplished seventeen retention and expansion visits so far in 2010, and hope to get a few more in before the end of the year. We partnered with the Troy Retention and Expansion Committee and held two Resource Partner Events. We also renewed the Business First Agreement for another five years and look forward to significant up tick in the number of Retention and Expansion visits we can accomplish through this program in 2011.

Growth

Piqua Partnered with the Piqua Area Chamber, MainStreet Piqua, and the Small Business Development Center at Edison Community College to host four events for small business and entrepreneurs this year. Assisted three local businesses with small business loans (Faith Driven Fitness, Morris Home Solutions, and Quint Creative Group).

Advocate

Hosted our first State of Economic Development event on April 17th in partnership with the Piqua Area Chamber and published our first State of Economic Development Report. Also attended the Ohio Economic Development Association Legislative Day in March and participated in the International Economic Development Council's Federal Forum in April.

Other Activity

Launched the new Grow Piqua Now website, completed the ReDo Piqua Redevelopment Plan, and secured two Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Grants totaling \$400,000.

2011 Program of Work

The plan is to continue to focus on outreach to local and national site selection/corporate real estate developers, renew visits to existing companies through the Business First Program, and explore additional avenues for promoting small businesses and entrepreneurs in partnership with the Chamber and MainStreet Piqua. Work with local retail/development community and MainStreet Piqua on retail recruitment strategy. Continue to focus on Brownfield's with the USEPA and Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grant Applications. Identify additional public relation opportunities to share Piqua's good news both internally and externally.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that Industry Products received the "Challenging Spirits Award" from Honda North America for their efforts to step up and help Honda make sure the delivery of the components for some of their product lines went off without a hitch. Industry Products over the last eighteen months has hired over seventy new employees, stated Mr. Murphy.

Mayor Fess congratulated Industry Products, stating this is a company that started here in Piqua and now has grown. They have added seventy new employees recently and we are really proud of the work they have done.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Murphy for his update and stated he has worked very hard for the City of Piqua, and she is looking forward to having a good year in 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Lange, N. St. Rt. 66, came forward and thanked the residents, volunteers, City of Piqua, and local foundations for all their support of the 7th Annual River Clean Sweep, and announced the 8th Annual River Clean Sweep will be held on July 15 & 16, 2011. Mr. Lange also stated he is glad to see the City moving forward on building a new Surface Water Treatment Plant, and thanked Don Freisthler for keeping a watchful eye on Piqua's water situation. Mr. Lange voiced his opinion on the Watershed project, and stated he was glad to see the progress of the boat ramp on the Great Miami River.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Lange for the leadership that he provides.

Frank Barhorst, S. Wayne Street, came forward and thanked the City Commissioners, City Manager, and City Department Heads for another outstanding year. Mr. Barhorst also thanked the City of Piqua for the windows that were recently installed in the Mote Park Building.

Kevin Pryfogle, Downing Street, came forward and thanked the City Commission for keeping the Piqua Municipal Swimming Pool open next year, stating it helps to improve the quality of life in Piqua. The possibility of season passes was mentioned and it was stated they would be available at the Street Department.

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue, came forward voiced his support of Bill Murphy, Piqua Chamber of Commerce, and MainStreet Piqua, and encouraged citizens to support local businesses.

Jean Franz, Parkridge Place, came forward and provided an update on the Southview Neighborhood Association. The Southview Neighborhood Association adopted eight families for Christmas and provided them with food, clothes and toys. Ms. Franz further stated the Southview and North Parks Neighborhood Associations partnered together to paint several houses, and congratulated Alan Miller for all his efforts and help on the painting projects. Ms. Franz stated the City of Piqua is lucky to have Bill Murphy, and continued by stating all of the Commissioners are honorable people and should not have to be going through what they are going through at this time. If it comes to a recall election, please vote no on the ballot, said Ms. Franz.

Mayor Fess thanked all citizens who spoke for their comments.

Commissioner Wilson stated the Salvation Army is in need of winter coats, gloves and hats for all ages, and asked citizens to help this winter.

Commissioner Terry wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked each and every person working for the City of Piqua for their hard work and pulling their belts in, and the Unions and Union Representatives for being so agreeable this year on the contracts.

Commissioner Vogt stated there are no plans for any elimination of positions in the Safety Services. Commissioner Vogt thanked the Police & Fire negotiators for their efforts to finalize the contracts, and stated these are the best contract services he has seen since he has been on the Commission. Commissioner Vogt asked that the Piqua Daily Call consider the headlines they write, and the way they can be interpreted.

Commissioner Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Fess stated 2010 was a tough year financially and the worst year since the 80's. The 2011 Budget looks good and the Mayor thanked the staff for working so hard on it. Mayor Fess also thanked the Southview Neighborhood Association for their contribution to the eight families and the Salvation Army. We need to realize how blessed some of us are this holiday season, as there are many others who are not as blessed, said Mayor Fess.

City Manager Enderle stated he appreciates all the cooperation and understanding he had with Firefighters and Fire Officers during their negotiations, and also the Police Lieutenant and Police Deputy Chief negotiations in the end we were able to come to a good understanding. We will be bringing the last contract to be approved, the Police Clerical to Commission in January. We also had good cooperation during the negotiations and appreciate that.

City Manager Enderle reminded citizens that utility bills can now be paid on line through the City website at www.piquaoh.org. You can now go on line and pay your bill one time, or set it up to be paid monthly through the online system, said City Manager Enderle. If you have questions contact the Utilities Office for more information.

City Manager Enderle stated he wanted to thank Jeff Lange and all the volunteers for their work on the River Sweep. It is incredible how much junk is dumped in the river, but what is more incredible is all the volunteers who come and help remove the junk to help keep our waterways clean, said City Manager Enderle.

Commissioner Vogt complimented the Street Department on the reconstruction of Steel Street and Water Street. This is your street dollars at work, and they did a great job with it all being done in house except for the paving.

City Manager Enderle stated right after we had Steel & Water Streets resurfaced we had a water main break in the area. We were able to cap the main off at the two ends and went around into the right-of-way area and stayed out of the street to make the necessary repairs. We should have the street open again soon, stated City Manager Enderle.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens to take the time to drive around the City and look at the Christmas lights that people have taken the time to put up this year. One stop that everyone should include in their drive is the house at the corner of Broadway & Lindsey, the front, side, back yards are completely lit up and is something worth taking children to see, said Commissioner Terry.

Mayor Fess stated the City employees also adopted two families from the Salvation Army again this year and helped provide a nice Christmas for them.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:50 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION