

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday March 1, 2011
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

PROCLAMATION

American Red Cross Month in the City of Piqua

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Kathy Sherman representing the American Red Cross

Kathy Sherman thanked Mayor Fess for the proclamation and gave a brief overview of the various services the Red Cross provides to the community.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the February 15, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-26-11

A Resolution accepting the Recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council of the City of Piqua for the purpose of the Administration of the City of Piqua's Enterprise Zone Program, as required by Section 5709.85 (C) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code

City Manager Enderle stated the Tax Incentive Review Committee met recently and they have recommended the City terminate the Enterprise Zone Agreements with B & L Labels and Miami Valley Steel due to the elimination of the Tangible Personal Property Tax by the State. There is no benefit to either of these companies to remain in the program at this time. The Committee also recommended the continuation of the Crane Pumps & Systems Agreement for another year.

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Bill Murphy further explained the reasons for the termination of the two agreements and the reason for the continuation of the Crane Pumps Agreement at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-26-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-26-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-26-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-27-11

A Resolution endorsing the need for the reauthorization of a multi-year Federal Surface Transportation Program

City Manager Enderle stated the Surface Transportation Program is a Federal funding source that provides grants to State and Local Governments for eligible roadway and enhancement projects. These dollars are typically distributed through Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). As a member of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, the City of Piqua has access to this funding source.

The City of Piqua has successfully utilized STP funds to complete a number of local projects such as the Downtown Traffic Signal Coordination Project, and the County Road 25-A Widening Project – Phase I. Future projects include: East Ash Street Reconstruction Project, College Street Signal Coordination Project, Garnsey/Commercial Connector Project, USR 36 Beautification Project, County Road 25-A Widening-Phase II, and County Road 25-A Widening-Phase III. The STP dollars most often cover up to 80% of the cost associated with the types of projects the city is planning. Any delay or reduction in the availability of STP funding would make it extremely difficult to move forward with the improvement projects.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-27-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-27-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-27-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-28-11

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Camp Dresser & McKee for Professional Services of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would allow the City of Piqua to enter into a contract with Camp Dresser and McKee Corp, consulting engineers for professional engineering services to prepare a Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, at a cost not to exceed \$388,700. This work was budgeted for in the 2011 Budget year, with all work being performed without rate increases having to take place. If we do not approve this and the OEPA enforces Findings and Orders, the City could be at the mercy of OEPA on the type and amount of cost to be born.

Dave Davis, Piqua Wastewater Department and Bob Yoxthimer of Camp Dresser and McKee Corporation came forward and provided a brief overview of the project plans. There was discussion on the Sanitary Sewer Overflow and the Equalization Basin projects.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-28-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-28-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-28-11 adopted.

OTHER

Update of the ReDo Plan –Chris Schmiesing

City Planner Chris Schmiesing gave a brief update on the ReDo Plan. Mr. Schmiesing stated we identified sites that have a redevelopment potential, adding that a matrix was used to help identify

these specific properties. The top five projects include: Riverfront Mill District (East Main Street to Lock Nine Park; North County Road 25-A corridor (Exit 83 at I-75), South Main Street and Clark Avenue area (includes demolition of the city's power plant); East Ash Street corridor (west to Spring Street), and the Piqua Memorial Hospital site. The next step in the Piqua Memorial Hospital site is to secure more funding from the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund and prepare a redevelopment plan for the property. The City will host a public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers. The City will provide a briefing on the current status of the property and is inviting public comments, said Mr. Schmiesing.

So far the ReDo redevelopment opportunities have received \$6,200,000 in outside funding resources that been committed towards the top five projects, with another \$2,400,000 in additional funds pending approval, and they have also applied for another \$400,000 in community-wide assessment grants.

Also part of the ReDo plan was to define Piqua's retail trade areas and retail voids in the city's retail market, which will assist in future economic development, said Mr. Schmiesing.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Schmiesing for his update.

Mayor Fess stated she received several telephone calls regarding the city utility bills coming in envelopes this month. City Manager Enderle explained legislation is coming down from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requiring all utility companies cover any customer information such as account numbers and etc. to keep citizens safe from identity theft.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen McNeil, Short Drive, came forward and invited citizens to attend the Piqua Catholic Schools Celebration on Friday, March 4th from 5:30 –7:00 at McCulloch Square at the Gazebo. Piqua Catholic Schools recently won the Pepsi Challenge for a new gym floor for the school.

Mrs. McNeil also wanted to thank all citizens who participated in the Pepsi Challenge voting for Team San Filippo, they also won the Pepsi Challenge receiving a \$250,000 grant for research of the disease. Mrs. McNeil has two grandchildren who have the disease and gave a brief background of the disease. A giant card was presented for all present to sign for her son Matt and daughter-in-law Shannon, and children.

Mayor Fess thanked all citizens for voting and supporting both of the projects, the Piqua Catholic Schools and Team San Filippo.

Jean Franz, came forward and asked if the women who came forward at the last City Commission meeting asking questions concerning the Piqua Water Treatment Plant and the supply of water was an employee of the City of Troy. Mayor Fess stated yes, she is an employee of the City of Troy.

Ms. Franz stated she wanted to announce some positive things going on in the City of Piqua. Ms. Franz thanked the Street Department for doing such a good job on clearing the City Streets during the ice and snow this winter; the Mote Park Community building has been completed and is very nice; Commercial Street has been repaired and is free from pot-holes; and last but not least the dog shelter on Clark Avenue, Mrs. Franz thanked the Piqua Health Department, Amy Welker, Health Department employees, and all the volunteers who provided assistance to the dogs.

Mrs. Franz stated she was so glad there was a Health Department in Piqua to oversee the situation, and thanked all who volunteered. Mrs. Franz further stated because of the Piqua situation the dogs in Clark County were also taken care of.

Mayor Fess stated Mrs. Franz had a lot to do with the renovations of the Mote Park Building, and thanked her for her persistence in helping to complete the project.

Mayor Fess also thanked Amy Welker and all the volunteers who help to clean up the area and provided food and other supplies. Currently at this time there are only 36 dogs left out of the 105 dogs that were found there. Mayor Fess further stated she felt Amy Welker and Law Director Stacy Wall handled the situation very well.

Commissioner Wilson stated he was glad the awful situation with the dog shelter turned out so well, and because of the situation in Piqua the Clark County Health Department was able to use Piqua as template for cleaning up their situation. Commissioner Wilson stated they received an email from "Grandpa Jake" a ten-year old lab-mix who has a new home and is very happy and grateful to his new owners.

Commissioner Terry thanked all residents who supported the City Commissioners during the recall process; words cannot express how much it means to have had their support.

Commissioner Martin thanked all the volunteers who helped the City of Piqua.

Mayor Fess congratulated City Manager Fred Enderle on receiving the 2011 Career Achievement Award from the Ohio City/County Managers Association at their recent annual meeting in Columbus.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:30 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