

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday March 15, 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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: Mayor Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Mayor Fess from the March 15, 2011 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay, None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation honoring Mrs. Helen Dehila Gilmore

Vice Mayor Vogt read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Issac Gilmore and his son Robert. Vice Mayor Vogt stated he had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Gilmore at the Upper Valley JVS, and she was a wonderful person. "Helen would have been very honored to receive this proclamation", said Mr. Gilmore.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the March 1, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the minutes of the March 1, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-29-11

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of two fairway mowers and two greens mowers for the Golf Course

City Manager Enderle stated both the two Fairway mowers and the two Greens mowers are sixteen years old and need to be replaced at this time. The plan is to replace the Fairway mowers with two Toro Fairway mowers from Century Equipment for the cost of \$74,401.94, and two Jacobsen Greens movers from Midwest Golf & Turf for the cost of \$46,000.99. The 2011 budgeted included \$122,000 for the purchase of the new mowers, and we are under budget with the proposal of \$120,401.94 for all four mowers, said City Manager Enderle.

Kirt Huemmer, Golf Course Supervisor, stated they have been putting together a replacement schedule for quite a while anticipating the purchase of the new mowers due to the age of the current mowers.

Commissioner Martin asked if all the mowers used the same type of fuel? Mr. Huemmer stated yes, all of the mowers use the same fuel.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-29-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-29-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-29-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-30-11

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of ten commercial zero turn mowers and one utility vehicle and one all-wheel drive tractor for the Streets, Parks and Water Departments

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would approve the purchase of ten (CZT) Commercial Zero Turn mowers, one Utility vehicle, and one All-wheel drive Tractor. Streets will be purchasing 4 CZT mowers and splitting the cost of the tractor with the Water Department. Parks will be purchasing 4 CZT mowers and the Utility vehicle, and Water will be purchasing 2 CZT mowers and splitting the cost of the tractor with the Street Department. The 2011 budget for all three departments for purchase of new equipment this year was \$63,298.00, and we are under that amount with the proposal of \$50,426.99. The Street Department will be paying \$23,896.87, the Parks Department will be paying \$3,806.66, and the Water Department will be paying \$22,723.46, said City Manager Enderle.

Commissioner Martin asked if the mowers would have articulating arms or would they mow up and down the hills.

Doug Harter, Street Department Supervisor stated part of the reason for the purchase of the some of the new mowers was to use them on the hills at French Park, Route 36, and on the levees. They would mow up and down the hills as there are no articulating arm attachments included.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-30-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-30-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-30-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-31-11

A Resolution requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Kleingers & Associates for the Engineering Design on the County Road 25-A Phase II Reconstruction Project

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would allow the City of Piqua to enter into a contract with Kleingers & Associates for the engineering design of the County Road 25-A Phase II Reconstruction Project, at a cost not to exceed \$103,000. The cost will be split with Miami County 50/50 with half being in the city and half being in the County. The City has received outside funding from the Federal Highway Administration through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$2,046,000. The total project cost excluding right-of-way, is estimated to be approximately \$3.1 million. The City has also applied for grant money through the Ohio Public Works Commission to help offset some of the local share portion of the project. The City has been anticipating this project for a number of years and therefore has budgeted funds in the 2011 budget for the engineering design. This request includes 15% contingency for items, which may be required as the plan preparation moves forward, said City Manager Enderle.

Commissioner Martin asked where the project is located. City Manager Enderle stated the roadway between Country Club Road and Looney Road.

Commissioner Vogt asked if the city was receiving any Federal money for this project. City Manager Enderle stated the city will receive Federal funds for the actual construction of the project

but not for the design work. The design work is up to the locals thus the reason for splitting with the County, and the City's share of the design plan will come out of the Street Levy Fund.

There were questions regarding the use of the design study if the money does not come in from the State, will the money be refunded for the study. City Manager Enderle stated no the money would not be refunded for the study, it would be a design study that would be put in a drawer and wait until we have the money to implement it. The design needs to be ready when the money comes in, it is not a waste of money, the risk of losing the money is to great to delay doing this, said City Manager Enderle.

Public Comment

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue, came forward and asked if the money in question was state and federal highway dollars. City Manager Enderle said yes, but that money is also in jeopardy now due to the cutbacks.

Commissioner Martin asked how soon after the budget is adopted would the funds be available? City Manager Enderle stated this project is not scheduled to be done until 2013, so that is the earliest these funds would be available for construction. The design has to be done a couple years ahead and ready when the dollars come in.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-31-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-31-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-32-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission

City Manager Enderle stated this Resolution would appoint Michael Gutmann to the Civil Service Commissioner for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-32-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-32-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-32-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-33-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission

City Manager Enderle stated this Resolution would appoint Alissa Blankenship to the Civil Service Commissioner for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-33-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-33-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-33-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-34-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission

City Manager Enderle stated this Resolution would appoint Paul Jackson to the Civil Service Commissioner for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-34-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-34-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-34-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-35-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Larry Hamilton to the Community Diversity Committee for a term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-35-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-35-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-35-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-36-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Gordon L. Wise to the Community Diversity Committee for a term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-36-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-36-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-36-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-37-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Barbara Miller to the Community Diversity Committee for a term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-37-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-37-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-37-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-38-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Karen Schultz to the Community Diversity Committee for a term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-38-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-38-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-38-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-39-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Skip Murray to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term expiring on March 1, 2016.

There was discussion on why the current board member was not reappointed, and if appointing Mr. Murray there could possibly be a conflict of interest at times. City Manager Enderle explained the reason for the change and felt it would not be a conflict of interest for Mr. Murray.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-39-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-39-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry and Wilson. Nay: Martin and Vogt. Roll call motion resulted in a 2-2 vote for Resolution No. R-39-11 Vice Mayor Vogt stated Resolution No. R-39-11 defeated.

RES. NO. R-40-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Brenda Vetter to the Tree Committee for a four-year term to expire on March 1, 2015.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-40-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-40-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-40-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-41-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Larkin Cornett to the Tree Committee for a four-year term to expire on March 1, 2015.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-41-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-41-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-41-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-42-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Income Tax Board of Reviews

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Jeff Ortlieb to the Income Tax Board of Review for a five-year term to expire on March 1, 2016.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-42-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-42-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-42-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-43-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Cheryl L. Burkhardt to the Park Board for a five-year term to expire on March 1, 2016.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-43-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-43-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-43-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-44-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Golf Advisory Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Richard (Gene) Hill to the Golf Advisory Board for a four-year term expiring on March 1, 2015.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-44-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-44-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-44-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-45-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Golf Advisory Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Scott Rasor to the Golf Advisory Board for a four-year term to expire on March 1, 2015.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-45-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-45-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-45-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-46-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Brenda Vetter to the Downtown District Design Review Board for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-46-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-46-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-46-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-47-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Ann DeBrosse Comer to the Downtown District Design Review Board for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-47-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-47-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-47-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-48-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Ruth Koon to the Downtown District Design Review Board for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-48-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-48-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-48-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-49-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Housing Council

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Jean Kiser to the Housing Council for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-49-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-49-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-49-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-50-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Housing Council

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Dan Whitson to the Housing Council for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-50-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-50-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-50-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-51-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Housing Council

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would appoint Jim Vetter to the Housing Council for a three-year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-51-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-51-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt declared Resolution No. R-51-11 adopted.

OTHER

Monthly Reports – January 2011

Monthly Reports for January 2011 were accepted.

Health and Sanitation Director Amy Welker gave a brief update on the Animal Rescue Operation at the facility located on Clark Avenue. The city was given legal custody of 108 dogs and was challenged to find a way to care for and provide assistance and homes for them. Ms. Welker

stated they had over 200 volunteers from 23 different cities step up to help clean kennels, feed, groom, walk and socialize the dogs. 88 individuals and businesses donated various supplies such as bedding, treats and toys, which was very much appreciated. Veterinary and tech services were provided by local Veterinary Dr. Lisa Nadasi DVM and other Tech volunteers.

Ms. Welker stated she wanted to also thank all the families who adopted the dogs, and all of the agencies who help with the adoption and placement of the dogs. Ms. Welker also sent out a special thanks to her family for their support and help while she spend many hours working at the Clark Avenue Facility, along with the City of Piqua Departments who helped out. I can't say enough about all the volunteers, many of them who worked to see this to the end, said Ms. Welker.

Ms. Welker stated Law Director Stacy Wall is to be commended for her quick response to the situation, other communities faced with this problem have been working on it for over seven years, and the City of Piqua was able to resolve the problem in about a month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Barhorst, Wayne Street, came forward and invited citizens to attend the Spring Dance to be held at the Ft Piqua Plaza on April 9, 2011, starting at 8:00 P.M. and tickets are available at the Senior Center on High Street.

Commissioner Vogt stated Mr. Barhorst has been an advocate of the Seniors for a long time even before he got off the Commission and has done a great job.

Edna Stiefel, Boone Street, came forward and invited citizens to attend the 8th Annual Race Cars & Future Stars Expo at the Miami Valley Centre Mall March 17 thru March 20. Ms Stiefel thanked Peggy Henthorn and the Miami Valley Center for hosting the event, and encouraged everyone to come out and vote for their favorite car.

Commissioner Wilson stated the recycling totals in the city have been decreasing lately and reminded citizens to recycle. Commissioner Wilson thanked the citizens who are participating in the recycling program at this time, and stated recycle bins may be picked up at the Utility Department.

Commissioner Wilson stated the recall was defeated and thanked all who voted, further stating they are going to look at the recall regulations in the Charter this fall, and will be asking for public input.

Commissioner Terry echoed Commissioner Wilson comments.

Commissioner Martin stated he wanted to thank all the volunteers, the City Departments, and employees who helped with the care of the dogs.

Commissioner Vogt stated the Piqua Municipal Swimming Pool passes are now on sale, and further stated there have been many changes made at the pool this year. Pool passes are available at the Street Department and the Engineering Department.

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens to recycle stating it is easy once you get into the habit.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:25 P.M. into Executive Session for the purpose of appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or compensation of the City Manager. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fess called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 8:28 P.M.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Executive Session at 9:42 P.M., and moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:42 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION