

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday April 5, 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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting, and the Piqua City Commission Special Meeting of March 30, 2011.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the minutes of the March 15, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting, and the Special Meeting of March 30, 2011 be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-11

An Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33 and enacting a New Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to Employee Policy

City Manager Enderle stated this reflects the changes in Chapter 33.08- Insurance to reflect the amount that the city employees (non-union) are contributing toward their health insurance for the current plan year (2011) and the amount the City is contributing to their health reimbursement or health savings accounts. This legislation simply revises the date within this Chapter to the current plan year of 2011, said City Manager Enderle.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 2-11.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 2-11 be read fully and distinctly on three on three separate days be suspended. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 2-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Fess, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 2-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-52-11

A Resolution retaining the services of Segal, Inc. to provide Professional Engineering Services for the City

City Manager Enderle stated Resolution No. R-52-11 authorized the Power System to obtain the engineering services of Segal Inc. to provide professional engineering services in 2011.

Ed Krieger, Power System Superintendent, gave a brief overview on the need for these services; further stating it is time to update since the old system dates back to 1960-1970.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-52-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-52-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-52-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-53-11

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 to expire on March 1, 2016. This is a reconsideration of Resolution No. R-39-11 presented at the March 15, 2011 Commission Meeting that was defeated.

Commissioners Martin and Vogt stated they still feel appointing Mr. Murray to the Board of Zoning Appeals may be a conflict of interest since Mr. Murray owns several rental properties in the City of Piqua.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-53-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-53-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: Martin and Vogt. Motion carried on a 3-2 vote. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-53-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-54-11

A Resolution supporting the Firearms Simulation System and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Edison Community College

City Manager Enderle stated this would authorize the Memorandum of Understanding for the use and operation of a Firearms Simulation System that the City was able to purchase through a Department of Justice grant. The Firearms Simulation System will be housed at Edison Community College, and this agreement will allow for the joint use and Edison's operation of this system for the City at their facility. In addition the City will be offering the Firearms System to other Police Agencies throughout the region.

Marty Grove, Deputy Police Chief, gave a brief overview of the Firearms Simulation System and the various uses and ways it will benefit the Police Department.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-54-11.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-54-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-54-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-55-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Energy Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution appoints Michael Cox to the Energy 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-55-11.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. 55-11 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-55-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-56-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Committee on Community Diversity

City Manager Enderle stated this Resolution would reappoint Helen Cuff to the Community Diversity Committee for a two-year term to expire on March 1, 2013.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-56-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-56-11 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-56-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-57-11

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution appoints Edna Stiefel 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-57-11.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-74-11 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-57-11 adopted.

OTHER

Monthly Reports – February 2011

Monthly Reports for February 2011 were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Barhorst, S. Wayne Street, came forward to remind citizens of the upcoming Swing Dance to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 8:00 P.M. in the Ballroom at the Piqua Plaza.

Mr. Barhorst stated the Piqua Library will have a Levy on the May 2011 ballot, which is strictly an operating, levy and asked citizens to support the Library.

Ruth Koon, Park Avenue, came forward and asked if it would be possible to have a sign installed on the Municipal Building Complex and Police Department stating what the beautiful building was.

Mrs. Koon voiced her concern over the number of properties in the neighborhoods that need to be cleaned up and repaired, and asked about property maintenance enforcement. Mrs. Koon also asked if it would be possible for the City to put together a task force committee to focus on these properties, and to possibly bring back the Renew Piqua Program to help with the repairs and painting of some of the properties. Mr. Koon voiced her concern over the five house located on the corner of High and College Streets that have been partially painted green, and asked about the property maintenance enforcement of these houses.

Mayor Fess stated the City Health Department is down to just one Code Enforcement Officer due to the budget cuts at this time.

Health and Sanitation Director Amy Welker explained the inspector the Health Department has is an Environmental inspector not a Property Maintenance inspector, and they are only making Property Maintenance inspections as complaints are received at this time.

Mayor Fess stated that the Renew Piqua Program was funded by donations and would need to receive donations to start the program again. Mayor Fess stated they would discuss putting a committee together.

Edna Stiefel, Boone Street, came forward to remind citizens the Northparks Neighborhood Association will meet at Wilder School on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 P.M. Again this year the Northparks Neighborhood Association will be selling mulch at Wilder School on Saturday March 16th, 2011.

Francis Tufts, Cleveland Street, came forward to express her concern over the heavy flooding in the Shawnee area due to the City Pump House not being able to handle the large amount of rain recently. Ms. Tufts stated every time it rains she has flooding and has to move her vehicle and is concerned the problem is not getting fixed.

Mayor Fess stated they would look into the situation and see what can be done and get back with Ms. Tufts.

Commissioner Wilson stated he mentioned the recycling program and the need to recycle more at the last Commission Meeting. Now looking at the monthly reports this month it showed an increase in recycling stated Commissioner Wilson, who thanked all who participate in the recycling program and asked that they continue to recycle.

Commissioner Wilson reminded citizens MainStreet Piqua is soliciting funds for flowers for the planters in the downtown area and asked citizens to consider donating to the beautification of the downtown area.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to the status of the pumps at the pump house. City Manager Enderle explained they had some problems with debris getting in the pumps but are working on solving the problem. Commissioner Martin suggested the possibility of rerouting the water from top of the hill somehow. It was stated Shawnee is not the only area with water problems, some of the other areas include Garbry and Looney Roads, Ash and Franklin Street, especially with the large amounts of rain we have had recently.

Mayor Fess stated she attended the Annual River Summit in Dayton along with Jeff Lange, who was recognized as the River Corridor Champion from Piqua. Piqua was very well recognized with all the work that has been done along the river with the Bike Path and Lock Nine Park, said Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess stated she also attended a retirement reception for Ken Yowell who is retiring as President of Edison College after twenty-three years.

Mayor Fess also stated the Piqua Community Foundation held their Cakes for a Cause auction on April 1st, and was very impressed with all of the cakes.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting into Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. Roll call: Aye, Terry, Vogt, Martin, Fess, and Wilson.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from Executive Session at 10:00 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua Commission meeting at 10:01 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