

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday April 19, 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

Mayor Fess stated she would like to present a Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Piqua and would like to read and present it to Larry Smith, Miami County Coordinator of ABATE of Ohio Inc. (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education). Mayor Fees read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith thanked Mayor Fess and the City of Piqua for the proclamation and announced the State Motorcycle Awareness Rally will be held on Saturday, April 30, in Sunbury, Ohio.

PRESENTATION: University of Dayton River Summit 2011-Corridor Champion
Accepting: Jeff Lange

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented the proclamation to Mr. Lange. Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Lange for all of his hard work on helping to clean up the area waterways. Mayor Fess further stated she and Mr. Lange attended the 2011 Dayton River Summit in Dayton recently where Mr. Lange was named Corridor Champion representative from the City of Piqua.

Mr. Lange thanked the City of Piqua, all of his family and friends, the many volunteers, and business supporters for all their hard work and support over the past years. The 8th Annual River Sweep Clean Up is scheduled for July 16th, and Mr. Lange stated he has about 140 volunteers lined up to clean the sixteen miles of riverbanks on both sides of the river. Mayor Fess stated without Mr. Lange's leadership the program would not be as successful, and thanked Mr. Lange for his continued support and leadership.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the April 5, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the minutes of the April 5, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-58-11

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Global Government/Education Solutions Inc. for the purchase of hardware and software

City Manager Enderle stated Resolution No. R-58-11 is a request for approval of the purchase of hardware and software from Global Government/Education Solutions Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$44,467. This hardware and software is needed for the Municipal Information Systems project purchased in March of 2011, and ensures the City's equipment and software meets the minimum requirements for the installation and operation of the Springbrook Software suite of applications. The hardware and software upgrades/replacements were included in the Municipal Information System project presented and approved in July of 2010 and are also included in the budget for 2011, said City Manager Enderle.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-58-11 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-58-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-58-11 adopted.

RES. NO. R-59-11

A Resolution extending a contract for the collection of recyclable materials in the City

City Manager Enderle stated this resolution would extend the current contract with Rumpke of Ohio for curbside recycling service. Piqua is part of the Miami County Solid Waste District, which is under a recycling mandate from the EPA. The District has a goal of 25% residential waste reduction, this goal has been achieved due in part to the curb-side recycling programs in Piqua and Troy and also due to the extensive recycling by local businesses. The City recently learned that the EPA will be modifying what categories of recycling will count towards the 25% residential reduction goal. The district is currently evaluating alternatives to meeting the EPA Mandate. If the City of Piqua, City of Troy and Miami County all work together to resolve this issue, then we could possibly realize some cost savings, stated City Manager Enderle.

The contract with Rumpke will expire at the end of April, and the alternatives are to either extend the contract to provide uninterrupted recycling service or to allow the contract to expire. If the contract expires there would be no curbside recycling service in place to take care of the recycling. Piqua residents would have the option to take their recyclable materials to the Miami County Transfer Station or another recycling center.

By extending the current contract with Rumpke it will allow more time to look at alternatives for the recycling program. Rumpke has agreed to extend the contract for up to one year with a modest increase of 4%. We are currently in discussions with Miami County and the City of Troy to look at alternatives and ways to work together to make recycling more cost effective, said City Manager Enderle.

There was discussion on the need for more residential recycling and commissioners encouraged citizens to recycle as much as possible to help bring the numbers up so we can continue to have curb-side recycling in the City of Piqua.

Public Comment

Joe Francis, Parkway Drive, came forward and stated there were several private individuals that are going around taking some of the recycling that was set out for Rumpke, and asked if it would be possible to hire these individuals to do the recycling for the City of Piqua.

City Manager Enderle responded and stated the City had to follow certain regulations and guidelines on picking up recycling and was not sure the individuals would be able to handle the large amount of recycling or have the license to do it.

Mayor Fess stated the City would look at all the options before making a decision, and thanked Mr. Francis for coming forth with his information.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-59-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-59-11 adopted.

OTHER

Economic Development Update – Mr. Bill Murphy

Mr. Murphy gave a brief update on several items beginning with the April Economic Development Update which included the 2011 State of Economic Development. Over 145 individuals attended the State of Economic Development Update held at the Piqua Plaza on April 12, 2011. Several area businesses were highlighted at the event that included: Hartzell Hardwoods, Trupointe, French Oil Mill Machinery, and Quint Creative Group. Also Industry Products, Polysource, Denizen Inc., Faith Driven Fitness, and Morris Home Solutions were recognized for expanding their businesses.

Mr. Murphy also gave a brief overview of the 2011 Hannover Messe Industrial Fair he attended recently, stating 6,500 companies participated in the fair from over 60 countries, and over 230,000 individuals attended the show. Piqua in partnership with the Troy Development Council and the Dayton Development Coalition held meetings with twenty-two different companies and received five solid prospects looking to take their business to the next level in our area. It was the best tradeshow in the last ten years stated Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy also spoke on the Retail Recruitment Strategy stating a Retail Void Analysis was conducted to determine which retailers are not here that should be here. This study identified 40-plus retailers and restaurants that may have an interest in locating in the City of Piqua, some of which would be a good fit for the Miami Valley Centre.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob O'Leary, representing the Citizens for the Piqua Library came forward and gave a brief overview on the Public Library uses and expenses. Mr. O'Leary further explained the funds the Piqua Library is asking for would be for operating expenses only. The Piqua Library has a twenty-year fixed lease at their current location, with a lot of growth potential, along with being centrally located downtown. Regardless of where the Piqua Library was located there still would have been the need to put an Operating Levy on the ballot at this time due to the recent State cuts. Mr. O'Leary encouraged citizens to get out and vote for the Piqua Library Levy on May 3, 2011.

Deron Yingst, Adams Street, came forward and stated at the last Commission meeting there was some discussion concerning the five houses located on the corner of High and College Streets. Mr. Yingst he is part owner and indicated he was in the process of painting the homes when several other issues inside the homes became apparent, and needed to be taken care of first, then the weather became a problem. Mr. Yingst assured the Commission that he would continue to finish painting the houses as soon as the weather permitted.

Luke Bolin, Ann Street, came forward asked several questions in regards to the seeding on Broadway after the new curbs and sidewalks were put in place. City Engineer Amy Havenar explained the process to Mr. Bolin.

Commissioner Wilson encouraged citizens to contact Mr. Murphy if they have any questions on Economic Development.

Commissioner Wilson asked if it would be possible to get an update on the Shawnee Pump House repairs.

City Engineer Amy Havenar gave a brief update on the status of the Shawnee Pump House stating the necessary repairs and parts are in progress and the work should be completed this spring.

Commissioner Terry stated Arbor Day is April 29, and students from the Learning Center will be planting a tree in Fountain Park at 10:00 A.M. and encouraged citizens to attend.

Commissioner Terry stated since it is Motorcycle Awareness month she wanted to remind all motorcycle riders to wear their helmets when riding their motorcycles.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Jeff Lange on his award.

Commissioner Terry stated the Commissioners held interviews with several candidates for City Manager last week, and after driving around the city they commented on how clean the City of Piqua was. It is that time of year when we all need to get out to pick up and clean up around our properties to keep the city looking good, said Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated Jeff Lange on all of his hard work stating, we certainly need you and are very glad you are here to help us.

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens to get out and vote on May 3, and to continue to recycle.

Commissioner Martin asked citizens to take the time to recycle, it is very important in regards to the amount of trash being taken the transfer station. Commissioner Martin inquired about the storm sewer work in the Shawnee area, and congratulated Jeff Lange on his award.

Mayor Fess stated the Commissioners interviewed two candidates for City Manager this past week and have not yet made a decision. The Commissioners have asked for more information, and will be taking their time on making a decision. We want to get a good fit for our city, someone who works well with the Commission and the Department Heads, said Mayor Fess.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua Commission meeting at 8:20 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