

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday January 3, 2012
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.

OATH OF OFFICE

FIRST WARD COMMISSIONER – JOHN MARTIN

OATH OF OFFICE

SECOND WARD COMMISSIONER - WILLIAM VOGT

OATH OF OFFICE

FIFTH WARD COMMISSIONER – LUCINDA L. FESS

OATH OF OFFICE

MAYOR – LUCINDA L. FESS

Law Director Stacy Wall administered the Oath of Office for City Commissioner to John Martin, William Vogt, and Lucinda L. Fess, and the Oath of Office of Mayor to Lucinda L. Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to appoint William Vogt as Vice Mayor. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

Law Director Wall administered the Oath of Office of Vice Mayor to William Vogt.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Approval of the minutes from the December 20, 2011 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the minutes of the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting of December 20, 2011 be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

ORD. No. 19-11 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 77.01 – Traffic Schedules adopted of Chapter 77 – Traffic Code

City Manager Huff stated Ordinance No. 19-11 was added to the amended agenda. This amends Chapter 77 of the Piqua Municipal Code and adopts design standards, which includes Speed Limits based on the Ohio Revised Code.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 19-11.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 19-11 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 19-11 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: None. Nay: Martin, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 19-11 defeated.

Mayor Fess further explained the reason for the defeat of Ordinance 19-11 stating there was not enough time with the holidays to gather all the information needed. The Commission has asked the City Manager and the Law Director to put together another ordinance since the current one was troublesome to some of the Commissioners. The Commission would like the new ordinance to clearly state what the Commission intends to do with the lowering of the speed limits.

City Manager Huff stated discussion of the Speed Limits would be on the January 12, 2012 City Commission Work Session which is open to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 1-12 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending Sections 154.026 of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinances to include animal grooming as Special Use in the Central Business District

City Planner Chris Schmiesing explained the occupant at 423 N. Main Street would like to operate an Animal Grooming business in the Central Business District, and currently the CBD Zoning does not allow for this type of business. This Ordinance would allow Animal Grooming to be considered as a "Special Use" within the Central Business District zoning designation. Mr. Schmiesing stated he has spoken with MainStreet Piqua and they are in support of the proposed amendment. The Planning Commission at their December 13, 2011 meeting also approved this amendment. No calls or comments were received regarding the amendment to Section 154.026 to include Animal Grooming as a Special Use in the Central Business District. The applicant's next step is to go to the Planning Commission to request a Special Use Permit to operate the Dog Grooming Salon in the Central Business District.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 1-12

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 1-12 be read on three separate days be suspended. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 1-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 1-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-2-12

A Resolution authorizing the City Purchasing Analyst to advertise for bids to make certain purchases during the year 2012

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-2-12 authorizes the Purchasing Analyst to advertise for bids for various items and materials for the year 2012.

Commissioner Martin asked if the state bid prices would be considered on several of the items. Finance Director Holtzapple stated yes they would check the State prices, and the Purchasing Analyst will look at several co-op groups also.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-2-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. R-2-12. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-2-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-3-12

A Resolution endorsing the preferred future land use scenarios of Going Places – an Integrated Land Use Vision for the Miami Valley Region

City Planner Chris Schmiesing stated included in the Commission packet there was a copy of the Concentrated Development Vision that was prepared by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission that relates to the Going Places initiative. The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission has asked that member agencies adopt resolutions endorsing the Concentrated Development Vision. The Going Places project is geared towards looking at land use in a regional context as it relates to the transportation needs of the region, stated Mr. Schmiesing. Martin Kim, Planning Director from Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission attended the Piqua Planning Commission Meeting and gave a lengthy presentation and answered various questions about the plan. The Planning Commissions primary concern was how does this relate to Piqua. It was stated that this plan would not have any jurisdiction or authority over land use activities in the City of Piqua. This plan is a tool that would be available to its member agencies for reference when making local land use decisions, stated Mr. Schmiesing. If the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors would adopt this document, there would be a set of policies that would relate to how they administer the funding for transportation projects throughout the region. A representative from each of the member agencies sits on that Board so we would have a voice in the policy making process. The Piqua Planning Commission unanimously recommended approving a resolution of support that notes the local comprehensive plan will remain the guiding document for all local land use decisions, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Mayor Fess stated she is was not a proponent of the plan and asked if it would effect any funding the City of Piqua might receive. Mr. Schmiesing stated there would be no effect on the funding; this plan does not have anything to do with funding. There was discussion of the effect it would have on City of Piqua's economic development in the future.

Commissioner Vogt stated he sits on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board and heard the same concerns at their meeting from several other cities. Mr. Kim was able to give a very good explanation on the need for this type of plan. This is just a suggestive plan, stated Commissioner Vogt.

Mayor Fess asked if when the Policy is in place would it have to come back to the City Commission for approval? Mr. Schmiesing stated any policies would come from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Board, which we have representation on and would not have to come back to the City Commission.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-3-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-3-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-3-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-4-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Brownstown Electric Supply for the purchase of two S & C Intellirupter Pulseclosers for the Power System

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-4-12 approves the purchase of two S & C Intellirupter Pulseclosers for the Power System; further stating this item has been approved by the Energy Board.

Ed Krieger, Power Systems Director explained how the Intellirupter Pulseclosers work; further stating they were included in the 2012 Budget. This is the latest technology and is very customer friendly with plans to install one unit in the Jackson Tube area, and to install a second unit to protect the downtown area.

Mayor Fess asked how this would work when there is an outage? Mr. Krieger explained the process when an outage occurs, further stating we are getting a very good payback with these new units.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-4-12

Commissioner Wilson asked if we put both of these in and one of them fails what happens? Mr. Krieger explained we could install fuses. This would help the minor outages that we had downtown last year, said Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Vogt stated this is one reason why our Power System is rated number one, because we are so proactive rather than reactive on our infrastructure and we are one step ahead all of the time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-4-12 adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-4-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-5-12

A Resolution amending the Employment Agreement with the City Manager

City Manager Huff stated this is an amendment to the current employment agreement, which provides for an interim housing "supplement". Because of the terminology, the supplement is considered income and taxable. The request will amend the employment agreement to change the wording from "supplement" to "reimbursement" for tax purposes only.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-5-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-5-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-5-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-6-12

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Miami Valley Risk Management Association for purchase of insurance

City Manager Huff stated this year the premium for the Miami Valley Risk Management Association insurance is higher than the 2011 premium due to the City having over a million dollar claim in 2011. This caused a 20% increase in the property coverage, but there was a decrease in the 2011 premium due partially to a credit, and the 2011 premium was still \$315,950 just a little under the \$321.935 for 2012.

Commissioner Martin inquired if this was just for catastrophic coverage or for all coverage. Law Director Wall stated it was for all coverage.

Commissioner Terry inquired about the reason for the rates going up in 2012. Law Director Wall explained the reason for the increase in the premium for 2012.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-6-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-6-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-6-12 adopted.

Public Comment

New Paragraph Listed

"This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Commission regarding issues or to provide information. Comments are requested to be limited to five (5) minutes and specific questions should be addressed to the City Manager's office."

Mayor Fess read the above paragraph listed on the January 3, 2012 Agenda face sheet under Public Comment, giving a brief explanation for it, and asking citizens to cooperate in the future. Mayor Fess stated the City Commission will hold a Work Session the second Thursday of each month open to the public with various topics being discussed. Mayor Fess explained citizens should contact the City Managers Office for more information or contact their City Commissioner.

Joe Francis, Parkway Drive, came forward stating he was offended by a comment that was made by the gentleman that conducted the interview with City Manager Huff recently he viewed on Channel 5, WOTVC. The comment concerned the new school buildings and the negative attitude of certain citizens that are always negative on everything in Piqua. Mr. Francis felt that was not appropriate for the interviewer to have made that comment.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Commissioners Vogt, Martin, and Fess on their appointments, further stating he would like to see more citizens get involved in the process in future elections.

Commissioner Terry announced the YWCA will host the annual Martin Luther King Celebration on Monday, January 16, 2012 from 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. This is a community event celebrating the life of Martin Luther King with a focus on the Freedom Riders, and encouraged citizens to attend.

Commissioner Vogt stated the YWCA Martin Luther King Celebration is a very nice program with great speakers, and encourage citizens to attend.

Commissioner Vogt thanked all the citizens who supported the City Commissioners, and asked for their continued support.

Commissioner Martin stated there are several openings on some of the Boards and Committees, and asked citizens to get involved to help make Piqua a better place to work and live.

Mayor Fess wished everyone a Happy New Year. There is a lot to be excited about in this New Year with the new City Manager coming on board. City Manager Huff is a very positive individual who has already initiated some very good programs, and we have a lot to look forward to in the future. Economic Development Director Bill Murphy is working very hard on Economic Development and will see some new activity in the future. Finance Director Cindy Holtzapple has done a great job with the finances and the budget is looking good for this year. Mayor Fess asked citizens to bear with them to help bring the community together. Mayor Fess further stated she is very encouraged about the new City Manager and the work he has done so far, and is looking forward to working with him in 2012.

City Manager Huff stated there are two new programs that citizens can sign up for on the City of Piqua website. One is the "INVOLVE" Program, which stands for "Interested Neighbors Volunteering Valuable Energy", and the other is the Piqua Government Academy that is scheduled to begin on April 4, 2012. Additional information is available on both of these new programs on the Piqua website at www.Piquaoh.org. or by contacting the City Managers Office.

City Manager Huff congratulated Finance Director Cindy Holtzapple and the Finance Department on the completion of the new Software as the City went "live" today.

Adjournment to Executive Session

To consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:28 P.M. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Executive Session at 9:17 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:18 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Lucinda L. Fess, Mayor

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION

