

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday January 17, 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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: Mayor Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to excuse Mayor Fess from the January 17, 2012 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Western Ohio TV Consortium – Executive Director Ms. Jennifer Welker

WOTVC Board Member Chip Hare came forward and provided a brief background and overview of the Western Ohio TV Consortium. The Consortium consist of representative from the City of Piqua, Piqua City Schools, Upper Valley Career Center, Piqua Library, and Edison Community College. The WOTVC studio is located in Edison Community College. Mr. Hare stated he would be remiss if he did not mention the time and energy that Jan Koon, retired Program Director, put forth in the beginning years helping to launch the former APTA local access channel.

Mr. Hare stated he wanted to shake up things a little and asked all in attendance to stand up and participate in doing the “Y.M.C.A.” dance to the music of the Village People. Mr. Hare said he just wanted to show the Commission how far WOTVC has come, and how they are continuing to grow as they move forward into other communities around the Piqua area.

Ms. Welker gave a update on the Western Ohio TV Consortium on the work-in-progress at the new studio located in Edison Community College. Ms. Welker stated a lot of changes have occurred in the last 6 months, including receiving funding from various organizations and foundations. Ms. Welker said WOTVC has been able to purchase cameras, microphones, a light kit, and a duplicator with the help of several of the local foundations.

Ms. Welker further stated she is very pleased with the response from the community as a whole, as they have been able to get out into the community and develop partnerships with some of the local business along with providing them with programming and some in-kind video needs. Ms. Welker stated she couldn't take all the credit as this has been a community effort, but with out the volunteers this would not possible. Piqua High School students are providing the school programs, Upper Valley Career Center students worked with the designing of the new logo, and camera operators Joe Teach and Doug Fosnight. Russ Welker has been writing a lot of the music and donated a library of royalty free music that is used with some of the programs. Ms. Welker further stated, more importantly she wanted to thank Ryan Cool who has been with her every step of the way since she started in August of 2011. Ryan has given countless hours and has been producing and editing the shows you are seeing now. If you had the opportunity to see the 911 Program we have Ryan to thank for providing the editing and titling on this, and was the first WOTVC program. Ryan is also providing training for the volunteers and getting them familiar with the equipment. You are only as good as the people you surround yourself with, and is very pleased with the volunteers who have stepped up to help her, stated Ms. Welker.

Ms. Welker shared a video of some of the various programs and features that WOTVC has been able to produce, and includes a clip from a documentary produced for Hartzell Fan. Hartzell Fan was so pleased with the quality of the documentary they ordered 350 copies to give to their employees. WOTVC held their first Workshop for volunteers in November of 2011 on the use of the camera equipment. We are planning on holding quarterly workshops in the future for volunteers to be able to come in and see the studio and get hands on training to help with the programs. Currently WOTVC is airing approximately thirty programs a month and are looking forward to providing more in the future. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jennifer Welker at 937-381-1546 for more information.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2012 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that the minutes of the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting of January 3, 2012 be approved. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-12 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance to vacate a public right of way

City Planner Chris Schmiesing explained Ordinance No. 2-12 is a request by three adjacent property owners to vacate a portion of a public right of way located at Bassett and Statler Avenue. Mr. Schmiesing gave a brief overview showing several slides indicting the area to be vacated. The petitioners propose to maintain access to and from the affected properties by establishing an easement for ingress/egress. A utility easement will be maintained over the existing water main in the right of way. At the January 10 2012 Planning Commission Public Hearing the Planning Commission recommended approval contingent upon ingress/egress and utility easements being provided stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Public Comment

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

Ordinance No. 2-12 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-7-12

A Resolution authorizing the sale of city owned real estate

City Planner Chris Schmiesing stated Kenneth Bricker; owner of KB Machine & Tool Inc. would like to purchase this property from the City of Piqua. Mr. Bricker owns the adjacent property and would like to acquire this lot for future expansion and improvements to the parking lot and drive facilities incidental to his business. Mr. Bricker stated he would maintain a utility easement over the existing water main located within his property as part of the agreement. This property serves no purpose to the city at this time and staff recommends the sale of the property.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-7-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adopt Resolution No. R-7-12. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-7-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-8-12

A Resolution authorizing an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funds from the Recreational Trail Program for the restoration of portions of the Great Miami River Recreational Trail

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-8-12 authorizes an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for a grant. The grant would provide \$150,000 for restoration activity along the Great Miami River Recreational Trail. This is 2,000-foot section located between Ash Street and North Main Street. The grant requires a 25% match from the city and will commit \$50,000 in

funds for the project. The matching funds are available for this program from the streets and parks operating fund.

Commissioner Martin asked the reason for the restoration at this time. City Manager Huff replied quite a bit of the Recreational Trail has been extensively damaged due to the high water covering and destroying the area over the last year. Mr. Martin asked if there was anything that could be done in the future to prevent the high water from damaging the trail. Economic Development Director Bill Murphy explained the grant money will cover the repair of the pavement and the shoreline, but is not sure if there is anything that can be done to prevent the problem due to the location of the bike path.

Commissioner Terry encouraged the City to apply for the funds through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The city is responsible for maintaining the trail and it is to our advantage to apply for these funds.

Commissioner Wilson stated the grant is for \$150,000 and the city is required to pay 25% matching funds but \$50,000 is not the correct amount, why this amount? Mr. Murphy explained this is a \$200,000 project and \$50,000 is the city's portion with the \$150,000 coming from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant for a total of \$200,000.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-8-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-8-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-8-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-9-12

A Resolution authorizing an application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funds from the NatureWorks Program for improvements to the Piqua Municipal Swimming Pool

City Manager Huff stated each year the Ohio Department of Natural Resources allocates certain funds for each county through the NatureWorks Program, and there is over \$18,000 available in funding for the year 2012. The city decided to request the county's entire allocation for enhancements to the community swimming pool, and our matching funds would be a little over \$6,000, said City Manager Huff.

Vice Mayor Vogt asked what are the funds going to be used for at the pool? City Manager Huff stated right now we just have to get the funds first then we will decide what repairs we can do with the amount of money received.

Commissioner Wilson inquired if it would be possible to provide some type of shade; several people have stated it is very hot to sit without any shade when you are not in the water. City Manager Huff stated they would look into providing some type of shade.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-9-12

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-4-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-9-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-10-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the Planning Commission Representative

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-10-12 appoints Mike Taylor to the Board of Zoning Appeals as the Planning Commission Representative.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-10-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-10-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-10-12 adopted.

Monthly Reports

Monthly Reports for December 2011 were presented and accepted.

Public Comment

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."

No one came forward to speak.

Commissioners Comment

Commissioner Wilson stated the recycling total is up from last year and we still have the December 2011 totals to come in. 1100 tons were collected in 2010, and without the December totals we have collected 1318 tons so far. Commissioner Wilson reminded citizens they need to continue recycling and if they need recycling bins they can be picked up in the Health Department.

Commissioner Wilson announced the Monthly Work Commission Sessions are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7: 30 in the Commission Chambers. The last work session there were quite a few interesting topics and had a lot of good interaction and comments. Quite a few new citizens were in attendance and Commissioner Wilson encouraged citizens to come and participate in the next work session.

Commissioner Martin also encouraged citizens to come and participate in the Monthly Commission Work Sessions. These meetings are in a more casual setting and citizens can provide their input and comments.

Vice Mayor Vogt stated he attended the Martin Luther King Celebration held on Monday, January 16, 2012 and thanked the YWCA for hosting the very impressive program. Judge Walter Rice was the guest speaker and is one of the most interesting speakers he has every heard.

Vice Mayor Vogt also reminded citizens to keep up the good work by recycling, stating he uses a 32-gallon can he purchased from Ace Hardware.

City Manager Huff stated there are a quite a number of open seats available on various Boards and Committees and encouraged citizens to apply for these seats. Applications are available on the City website at www.Piquaoh.org or can be picked up in the City Managers office. Citizens can fill out the applications on line and submit them to apply.

City Manager Huff reminded Commissioners of the City Commission Coffee hosted by the Human Resources Department on January 18, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Wilson stated if you have a question on what any particular Board or Committee seat involves you can contact the City Managers office, or anyone on the Commission for more information.

Vice Mayor Vogt asked if there are any types of permits that can be obtained on line yet? City Manager Huff stated this is something they are working on and should be available in the near future.

Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:15 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

William D. Vogt, Vice Mayor

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION

