

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday March 6, 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.

PROCLAMATION – American Red Cross Month in the City of Piqua

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Red Cross Executive Director Scott Miller.

PROCLAMATION – CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION – CHRISTIN LIBBEE

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Christin Libbee.

Christin won first place in writing for the Martin Luther King Jr. Art, Writing and Multimedia Contest sponsored by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission for grades 6-12.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2012 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the minutes of the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting of February 7, 2012 be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

ORD. NO. 4-12-Amended (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 77.01 – Traffic Schedules Adopted, Schedule I of the Piqua Code, relating to Speed Limits

Law Director Stacy Wall stated this is the 3rd reading for Ordinance No. 4-12 that was amended at the February 21, 2012 meeting to allow the modification of the speed limit to 25 MPH on the following sections of roadway: Park Avenue between Marymont and Broadway, Broadway between Park Avenue and W. Ash Street, and W. Ash Street between Broadway and N. Downing Street. It was stated that Ordinance No. 4-12 should be defeated as Ordinance No. 7-12 is a new Ordinance with the amendment made and a language change that was also requested by the Commission

Public Comment

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

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adopt Ordinance No. 4-12. Roll call, Aye: None. Nay: Fess, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Martin. Ordinance No. 4-12 was defeated by a 0-5 vote. Mayor Fess declared Ordinance No. 4-12 defeated.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 7-12 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending Piqua Codified Ordinance Section 77.01 Traffic Schedules adopted in accordance with City of Piqua Code of Ordinances Chapter 77

Ms. Wall stated the changes that were included in the Ordinance, and asked that the Commission waive the three reading rule on Ordinance No. 7-12 since it is really the 3rd reading.

Public Comment

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

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 7-12 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Fess Wilson, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 7-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry and Fess. Nay: Wilson. Motion carried on 4-1 vote to adopt Ordinance No 7-12. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 7-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-32-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-32-12 appoints Steve Reindel to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of five (5) years to expire on March 2, 2017.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-32-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-32-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-32-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-33-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-33-12 appoints Evelyn Mahrt to fill the unexpired term of Paul Jackson as a member of the Civil Service Commission to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-33-12

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-33-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-33-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-34-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-34-12 appoints Howard Bruce Hogston to the Civil Service Commission for a three (3) year term to expire on March 1, 2015.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-34-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-34-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Fess, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-34-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-35-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-35-12 appoints Terry Wright to the Community Diversity Committee for a two (2) year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-35-12

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-35-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Martin, Wilson and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-35-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-36-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-36-12 appoints Roger Hartley to the Community Diversity Committee for a two (2) year term to expire on March 1, 2014.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-36-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-36-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-36-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-37-12

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

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-37-12 appoints James C. Oda to the Downtown District Design review Board for a three (3) year term to expire on March 1, 2015

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-37-12

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-37-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-37-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-38-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Energy Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-38-12 appoints David Zimmerman to the Energy Board for a term of five (5) years to expire on March 1, 2017.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-38-12

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-38-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-38-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-39-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Energy Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-39-12 appoints Roger Hartley to the Energy Board for a term of five (5) years to expire on March 1, 2017

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-39-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-39-12 be adopted, as amended. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-39-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-40-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-40-12 appoints Catherine Oda to the Park Board for a term of five (5) years to expire on March 1, 2017.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-40-12

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-40-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Fess, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-40-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-41-12

A Resolution appointing one member to the Park Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-41-12 appoints James Cruse to the Park Board for a five (5) year term to expire on March 1, 2017.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-41-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-41-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-41-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-42-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-42-12 appoints Regina Favorite to the Tree Committee for a four (4) year term to expire on March 1, 2016.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-42-12

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-42-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-42-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-43-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-43-12 appoints Steven Trostel to the Tree Committee for a four (4) year term to expire on March 1, 2016.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-43-12

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-43-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-43-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-44-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Stormwater Utility Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-44-12 appoints John Monroe to the Stormwater Utility Board for a one (1) year term to expire on August 1, 2013.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-44-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-44-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-44-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-45-12

A Resolution appointing a member to the Stormwater Utility Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-45-12 appoints David Zimmerman to fill the unexpired term (3-year) of Joe Drapp to the Stormwater Utility Board to expire on August 1, 2013

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-45-12

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-45-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Fess, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-45-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-46-12

A Resolution fixing the time and place for a Public Hearing on a renewal application to designate certain properties located within the City of Piqua as an Agricultural District

Economic Development Director Bill Murphy stated Resolution No. R-46-12 sets the Public Hearing at the request of the property owner James A. Hiegel to designate his property known as Parcel N44-095820 (9.28 acres) as an agricultural district. The Ohio Revised Code 929.02 requires the City Commission hold a public hearing every five years for purpose of considering the application.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-46-12

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-46-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-46-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 47-12

A Resolution fixing the time and place for a Public Hearing on a renewal application to designate certain properties located within the City of Piqua as Agricultural Districts

Economic Development Director Bill Murphy stated Resolution No. R-47-12 sets the Public Hearing at the request of the property owner Louise Cromes to designate her properties known as Parcel N44-077116 (28.516 acres), N44-76845 (89.428 acres), N44-077120 (37.700 acres, and N44-099300 (1.750 acres) as agricultural districts. The Ohio Revised Code 929.02 requires the City Commission hold a public hearing every five years for purpose of considering the application.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-47-12

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-47-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-47-12 adopted.

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger explained the next fourteen (14) Resolutions No. R-48-12 through Resolution No. R-61-12 are awarding contracts for the construction of the Power System Service Center. The current Power Plant may be demolished as early as 2013 and would require the movement of equipment, tools and inventory currently housed at the location. The Power System is debt-free and cash reserves are available to fund a majority of the construction costs.

The City Commission approved the purchase of two properties for the Power System Service Center in February 2010, in December 2011 a contract for design and construction management services with Wenco, Inc. was approved, and in July of 2011 a contract with Star-Ex, Inc. for completion of early site work activities with construction was completed. In August of 2011 City employees completed the relocation and extension of water, wastewater and stormwater utilities to the site, and in October of 2011 Star Ex and Wall Brothers competed improvements to Hemm Avenue.

Power System staff worked with Wenco management to utilize a construction approach that would allow as many local companies to participate in the project as much as possible. Fifteen (15) separate bid packages were developed and local contractors were targeted to encourage local participation. As a result of the bidding, companies from Piqua and the surrounding area are recommended as the successful bidders for one or more of the individual bid packages as detailed in Wenco's construction contractor recommendations and associated final bid tab results.

Mr. Krieger gave a brief explanation of each of the contracts and the awarding of the bids in conjunction with Wenco's Construction Contractor Recommendations.

Resolution No. R-48-12 (General Trades and Steel) awarded to Baumer Construction out of Minster, Ohio in the amount of \$1,110,900.

Resolution No. R-49-12 (Concrete) awarded to Metcom out of Bradford, Ohio in the amount of \$503,250.

Resolution No. R-50-12 (Finish Site Work) awarded to K & S Excavating out of Troy, Ohio in the amount of \$316,800.

Resolution No. R-51-12 (Overhead Doors) awarded to Dayton Door Sales out of Dayton, Ohio in the amount of \$51,300.

Resolution No. R-52-12 (Painting) awarded to Ohio Valley Painting, out of Dayton, Ohio in the amount of \$57,120.

Resolution No. R-53-12 (Flooring) awarded to Titan Commercial Flooring, out of Clayton, Ohio in the amount of \$84,029.

Resolution No. R-54-12 (Sprinkler System) awarded to Dayton Fire Protection, out of Tipp City, Ohio in the amount of \$110,040.

Resolution No. R-55-12 (Electrical) awarded to Koester Electric, out of Coldwater, Ohio in the amount of \$434,400.

Resolution No. R-56-12 (Plumbing & HVAC) awarded to Slagle Mechanical out of Sidney, Ohio in the amount of \$762,450.

Resolution No. R-57-12 (Crane System) awarded to Crane 1 Services, out of Franklin, Ohio in the amount of \$58,279.

Resolution No. R-58-12 (Network Equipment, Cabling & Terminations, Multimedia Systems) awarded to Low Voltage Solutions, out of Sidney, Ohio in the amount of \$94,026.

Resolution No. R-59-12 (Video Display Wall) awarded to Critical Space Solutions, out of Norcross, GA in the amount of \$152,329.

Resolution No. R-60-12 (Security System) awarded to ADT Security Services, out of Cincinnati, Ohio in the amount of \$213,305.

Resolution No. R-61-12 (Automatic Transfer Switch) awarded to Brownstown Electric Supply, out of Bellefontaine, Ohio in the amount of \$72,319.

Also awarded but did not require Commission approval were contracts to:

(Aluminum Storefront) awarded to Hemm's Glass, of Piqua, Ohio in the amount of \$20,270.

(Landscaping) awarded to Casto Landscaping, of Piqua, Ohio in the amount of \$19,555.

RES. NO. R-48-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Baumer Construction for the Power System Service Center Steel, General Trades and Masonry Bid Packages

Public Comment

Tom Westerheide, President of Westerheide Development of Sidney, Ohio came forward and voiced his opinion on the award of the framing and pre-engineered building installations. Mr. Westerheide felt his company was the low bidder and should have been awarded the bid. It was noted that Baumer Construction would be using their own crews for the steel erection, and have had more experience with this size of project.

Dean McGillvary of Wenco Inc. came forward and explained how the bid packages were compiled and how they determined who received the bid.

There was discussion of the bid process and if Mr. Westerheide would have only had one bid would there been a different outcome. Mr. McGillvary further explained the reason for going with Baumer Construction in this instance.

Mr. Krieger stated he understands Mr. Westerheide's concern but they felt they should accept Wenco's direction, stating this is the reason Wenco was hired as they have been doing this for a very long period of time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-48-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-48-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-49-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Metcon for the Power System Service Center Concrete Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-49-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-49-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-49-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-50-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to K & S Excavating for the Power System Service Center Finish Site Work Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-50-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-50-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-50-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-51-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Dayton Door Sales for the Power System Service Center Overhead Doors Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-51-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-51-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-51-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-52-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Ohio Valley Painting for the Power System Service Center Painting Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-52-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-52-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-52-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-53-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Titan Flooring for the Power System Service Center Flooring Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-53-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-53-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-53-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-54-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Dayton Fire Protection for the Power System Service Center Sprinkler System Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-54-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-54-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-54-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-55-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Koester Electric for the Power System Service Center Electric Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-55-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-55-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Fess, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-55-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-56-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Slagle Mechanical for the Power System Service Center Plumbing and HVAC Bid Packages

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-56-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-56-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, Fess and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-56-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-57-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Crane 1 Services for the Power System Service Center Crane System Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-57-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-57-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-57-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-58-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Low Voltage Solutions for the Power System Service Center Network Equipment, Cabling & Terminations and Multimedia Systems for the Conference Rooms Bid Packages

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-58-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-58-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-58-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-59-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Critical Space Solutions for the Power System Service Center Video Display Wall Bid Package

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-59-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-59-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-59-12 adopted.

RES. NO. 60-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to ADT Security Services for Security Systems in the Power System Service Center

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-60-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-60-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Fess, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-60-12 adopted.

RES. NO. 61-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Brownstown Electric Supply for the purchase of an S&C Automatic Transfer Switch for the Power System Service Center

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-61-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-61-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-61-12 adopted.

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."

Steve Stiefel came forward and announced on March 15-18, 2012 the annual Race Cars and Future Stars event will be held at the Miami Valley Centre Mall, and invited citizens to come out and see the cars and drivers.

City Manager's Report

Economic Development Update – Mr. Bill Murphy

Mr. Murphy gave a brief update on recent economic development. Ohio captured the covent Governors Cup that is a Site Selection Magazine annual study where they look at the number of projects by state, and Ohio was number one this year. Locally the City of Dayton MSA, which includes Montgomery, Miami, and Preble counties, was ranked #2 for mid-size metro areas, and Springfield was ranked #2 in the small metro area. This is great news for the region with the automotive industry playing a big part in the growth.

Jobs Ohio has \$2.5 billion dollars in finances; this is equity injection they propose to give local companies to help them grow in the State of Ohio this year. This is financed largely through Liquor Tax proceeds, and by putting equity into companies to try and get a quick turnaround within one year or less.

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority approved a six-year, 50% job creation tax credit for Hartzell Air Movement in the amount of \$365,000 for the project. A ground breaking is planned for the new Hartzell Air Movement on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 1:30 P.M.

Department Update – Distribution Department Update – Mr. Ed Krieger

Ed Krieger explained the Rate Comparisons between the Residential and Commercial/Industrial accounts. Graphs were shown with the Ohio Average Revenue per kWh in 2010 for Residential, Commercial/Industrial accounts, and also for the Local Utilities-Average Revenue per kWh for 2010.

Several AMP Projects were highlighted. AMP-Fremont Energy Center, the Prairie State & Hydro Progress, Cannelton Progress, Meldahl Progress, Smithland Progress, and the Willow Island Progress.

Mr. Krieger further explained the Reliability Performance by a graph with the ratio of total customer minutes that service was available divided by the total customer minutes demanded in a time period from January through December in 2008-2011. Also included was a graph showing the average duration of customer outage dividing the sum of the customer minutes off by the number of customer who experienced long interruptions. Finally a graph showing the number of times a customer is interrupted (less than one minute), averaged over all customers. This was then divided by total customer interruptions for an average of total customers served for the period from January through December 2008-2011.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Krieger for his informative update.

City Manager Huff stated the Ohio EPA has endorsed the City of Piqua Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. Further stating they acknowledged it is an exemplarily report that can serve as a model for other Ohio Surface Water Systems. City Manager Huff congratulated the Utility and the Water Treatment Departments for their work on getting the plan endorsed.

City Manager Huff stated the City Commission Monthly Work Session is scheduled for Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 in the Commission Chambers. The topic is strictly on whether to build a new water treatment plant, and will be providing the Commissioners with detailed information; this is not about a joint water plant project at this time. The joint water option will be presented at a later Work Session, stated City Manager Huff. Information was given to the Commissioners in the form of a handout at the beginning of the Commission Meeting for them to review before the Work Session on Thursday.

Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Wilson stated there were quite a few board appointments on this agenda, and it is very important that citizens continue to apply for these board openings as they occur in the future.

Commissioner Wilson also reminded citizens of the change in the speed limit on Park Avenue, and ask if it would be possible to step up the patrol in that area to watch for trucks still following the old St. Rt. 185. Police Chief Jamison stated they plan on monitoring the area, and will be giving a grace period for citizens to get use to the change in the speed limit on Park Avenue.

Mayor Fess inquired about signage stating no trucks. Chief Jamison stated trucks know where they can go and some of the larger straight trucks will still need to use the street to make deliveries.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens the Putt-Putt is set up at the Miami Valley Centre for the third year in a row, and is a fund raiser for the Salvation Army.

Commissioner Terry stated the Commissioners attended the recent Energy Board meeting and were given a lot of information regarding all of the Service Center contracts that were approved. Commissioner Terry further stated the Energy Board was unanimous in approving the contracts. Ed Krieger and his staff have done due diligence on getting the project ready to proceed to the next step.

Commissioner Terry stated there was an article in the newspaper about the Brownfield Grants, which might be limited for the State of Ohio. The ones that were listed in Miami County were for Piqua, Piqua, Piqua. Commissioner Terry further stated our grant writers are being very diligent in securing these grants for the City of Piqua, and she appreciates everyone responsible for helping Piqua to secure these grants.

Commissioner Vogt stated he received an email about broken glass on the Bike Path behind the Kroger Store on Covington Avenue, further stating there is also a lot of trash that has blown around in there area also. Commissioner Vogt asked citizens to please pick up their trash.

Commissioner Martin thanked all of the volunteers who have volunteered to serve on the various Boards and Committees for the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Martin also reminded citizens to patronize the local businesses in the construction area during the reconstruction of E. Ash Street.

Mayor Fess reminded citizens there are detour signs to get around the E. Ash Street Reconstruction Project. The Shawnee residents have voiced their concern over the number of trucks using the Shawnee area to get around the construction zone.

Mayor Fess stated she is excited about the ground breaking at the Hartzell Air Movement facility on Thursday. This shows that things are beginning to pickup and this is uplifting for the community, stated Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess announced that the Dancing with the Piqua Stars sponsored by the Piqua Arts Council is scheduled for March 31, 2012. An afternoon performance has been added due to the sell out of the evening show. Tickets are still available for the 2:30 afternoon performance at Reedmore Hallmark, and thanked all of the dancers for getting out there and performing for us.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. to consider pending or imminent litigation. Roll call: Aye, Terry, Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:45 P.M. Voice vote: Aye, Martin, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:46 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION