

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday May 15, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move to Executive Session to prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for city personnel.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:31 P.M. to prepare for and review negotiations on compensation or other terms and conditions of employment for city personnel. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn from the Executive Session and resume the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:50 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

POLICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF PIQUA - POLICE CHIEF BRUCE JAMISON

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Jamieson.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL BIKE MONTH, BIKE WEEK, AND BIKE TO WORK DAY

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Jim Hemmert, a local bicyclist enthusiast.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2012 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-84-12A

A Resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

City Manager Huff noted that Gary Meek was appointed to the Community Diversity Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of May 1, 2012, and Resolution No. R-84-12A. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-85-12

A Resolution authorizing an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funds to improve Hartzell Field at the Piqua Municipal Airport

Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy explained the City of Piqua budgeted \$18,000 for improvements at the Piqua Municipal Airport. Through the Ohio Airport Grant Program, the City has requested \$54,540, which is 90% of the total project cost. The city will provide 10% of the projected costs, which is \$6,060. If awarded the grant, work to be completed at the airport includes crack sealing, crack repairing and pavement marking, stated Mr. Murphy.

There was discussion on trying to get the Piqua Municipal Airport into the Federal Airport System Program so the airport would be eligible for Federal Funds that would help with major improvements. The funds being used at this time are State Funds. City Manager Huff stated they would look into it. The City anticipates knowing whether the request was approved later this spring, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-85-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-85-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-85-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-86-12

A Resolution adopting the City of Piqua's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan as required by the Ohio Department of Development

Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy explained the State of Ohio Department of Development administers Community Development Block Grant funds for small cities and counties. The ODOD requires those communities participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program adopt an Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance plan every five years. The last assistance plan was adopted in May of 2007 and needs to be adopted at this time. The city will provide relocation assistance too low to moderate income households displaced by demolition of a habitable housing or conversion of a low to moderate income dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities, stated Mr. Murphy.

It was noted that the city has never had to implement the plan. The next anticipated date to re-adopt this plan is in the Spring of 2017 unless otherwise directed by the Ohio Department of Development, stated Mr. Murphy

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-86-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-86-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Vogt, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-86-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-87-12

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of a refuse packer truck for the Sanitation Department

Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker stated this is a routine replacement of the oldest truck in the fleet, a 1997 Ford with over 100,000 miles. One new option included on this truck will be a cart tipper, as this feature will allow for semi-automated waste collection in the future. Fourteen bids were received and Stoops Freightliner of Dayton was awarded the bid coming in under budget at \$124,775 with \$126,500 being budgeted. The City will receive \$4,500 for trade in of the current vehicle, stated Ms. Welker.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-87-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-87-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-87-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-88-12

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park and Hance Pavilion to the Miami Valley Corvette Club

City Manager Huff stated this would authorize the Miami Valley Corvette Club to hold a Car Show and the use of Hance Pavilion for a concert to be sponsored for the Heritage Festival Committee on June 16, 2012. This is based on the Miami Valley Corvette Club and the Heritage Festival Committee obtaining the required liability coverage, stated City Manager Huff.

There was discussion on possibly requiring a cash deposit for cleanup of Fountain Park and Hance Pavilion just in case the areas were not cleaned up. City Manager Huff stated he would check and see if it was required, further stating they are looking at the whole Special Event process and would forward additional information on the cleanup process to the Commission.

Mayor Fess stated the City has not had any problems with previous car shows in the Park.

Public Comment

Dean Ward, Lambert Drive came forward stating he represents the Miami Valley Corvette Club and they are looking forward to hosting the event. They anticipate between 150-200 cars for the show but could have more. Proceeds from registration will benefit Miami County Hospice and food donations that are being accepted will be donated to the Bethany Center. The second event to take place is the concert in Hance Pavilion and is this year's fund raiser for the Piqua Heritage Festival. Car Show Awards will be presented at 6:00 P.M. and the Concert will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-88-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-88-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-89-12

A Resolution rejecting the fact-finder's decision regarding contractual matters between the City of Piqua and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Workers, Inc. (AFSCME) Ohio Council 8, Local 984

Law Director Stacy Wall stated the City of Piqua and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, Inc. (AFSCME), Ohio Council 8 Local #984 came to an impasse during contract negotiations for the third year of the contract. Fact-finding was conducted through the State Employment relations Board on February 10, 2012 for the blue collar union and the clerical union, with the Fact-finder issuing his decision on May 4, 2012 on two articles, wages and health insurance. The Commission is aware of the financial liabilities of the City and has evaluated how the expenses are exceeding revenues, despite significant cuts and cannot award the lump sum payment awarded by the Fact-Finder. The City has seven days to adopt or reject in its entirety the Fact-Finders decision pursuant to Ohio Revised Code.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-89-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-89-12 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-89-12 adopted.

Mayor Fess stated this in no way reflects on the work the City employees do as they do a wonderful job. Unfortunately it is due to the economic times we are living in now. Most of the employees have taken a three-year 0% increase, and the Administrative staff and Department Heads have taken a five-year 0% increase.

Monthly Reports

Monthly Reports were 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.

Edna Stiefel, representing the Taste of the Arts came forward and gave a brief overview of the upcoming event scheduled for May 18, 2012. This is the 18th Annual Taste of the Arts and this year they have 14 restaurants/caterers and 11 demonstrating artists lined up to participate. New this year the Piqua City Schools will have an Art Show on the second floor of the Apple Tree Gallery. It should be a fun time as there is something for everyone. The hours are from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in Downtown Piqua. For the third year the Kim Kelly Orchestra will be playing downtown all evening. Ms. Stiefel thanked the City staff and all of the employees for their help, without them this would not be possible. Ms. Stiefel also thanked all of the volunteers, and all the people who come down and participate in the Taste of the Arts.

Ms. Stiefel reminded citizens the Northparks Neighborhood Association will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 P.M. at Das Park.

Mayor Fess stated the Taste of the Arts is a great event and encouraged citizens to come down and enjoy a wonderful evening of food and entertainment.

Jim Hemmert, Boone Street came forward stating he hoped everyone noticed how nice the City of Piqua looks as a result of the Cleanup held on Saturday May 5. Bill Lutz spearheaded the cleanup efforts along with volunteers from Neighborhood Associations, Mainstreet Piqua, local organizations, and City employees who came out to clean up the downtown area and their neighborhoods. The City of Piqua provided the trash bags and picked up the bags as they were being filled. Thanks to all the efforts of a lot of different groups, organizations, and citizens Piqua is now a better and cleaner place to live, stated Mr. Hemmert.

City Manager Huff stated the city collected 2-tons of trash & debris from the one-day cleanup, and thanked all who participated in making Piqua a better place to live.

Mayor Fess thanked all who participated in the cleanup, and also thanked the Southview Neighborhood Association for providing lunch after the cleanup for the volunteers.

City Manager's Report

Economic Development Update

Economic Development Director Bill Murphy gave a brief update on some of the exciting things happening in Piqua. The Hartzell Air Movement project that is well underway, and another major expansion will be happening soon, working with another local manufacture on a multi-million dollar investment in new equipment and addition to their facility, worked with two new manufacturing startups in Piqua in leased space, manufacturing is really making a rebound in our area now, and

finally in the past two weeks have completed a number of Retention and Expansion visits to local companies. One of the manufactures is at its highest employment in Piqua going from 200 to 300 employees.

Mr. Murphy stated Grow Piqua Now has launched the "I Love Piqua Campaign". This is open to all full-time or part-time college, high school, or junior high students living in the 45356 zip code. This provides the opportunity to produce a 1-2 minute video on what they love about living in Piqua. The contest will run from May 11, to June 29, 2012 and they hope to capture the creative juices in the community. Judging will be based on overall effectiveness, (50%), originality and creativity (40%), and professionalism (10%).

Department Update – Amy Welker, Health Department

Ms. Welker gave a brief overview of the Health Department stating on the average each household in Piqua disposes of 40 pounds of trash each week. There has not been an increase in the refuse rates in the past three years, and recycling is picking up. In the last year the citizens of Piqua recycled over 1400 tons of materials, the most recycled in 20 years stated Ms. Welker. A chart was shown with the level of recycling picked up on each day of the week, and in 2010 Thursday was the highest recycling day of the week. Ms. Welker challenged citizens to continue to recycle and make all the days of the week equal this year, and when in doubt recycle it. Some of the unacceptable items for recycling include sharps such as needles, broken window glass, metal coat hangers, drinking glasses, plastic bags, and scrap metal. Recycling bins are available at the Utility Business Office or the Health Department, as there is no limit to the number of recycling bins a resident can put out. Rumpke Recycling will be sending out a new resident mailer soon on the recycling program in Piqua.

Ms. Welker encouraged citizen to continue recycling to help keep Piqua a better place to live and work. If anyone has any questions they may contact the Piqua Health Department.

City Manager Huff stated the Commission held a Work Session on Thursday, May 10, concerning the Water Treatment Plant. Comparisons were considered in regards to building our own new water treatment plant or going into a joint venture with the City of Troy. Numbers were provided and realized some of the numbers needed more work. City Manager Huff stated he had hoped to be able to provide the information at the meeting, but some of the numbers were more complex and the information is not complete at this time, but hopes to provide the information soon.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Vogt reminded everyone to attend the Taste of the Arts, the Municipal Swimming Pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend, memberships are still available for the Municipal Golf Course, so get out and enjoy all the amenities the City of Piqua has to offer, stated Commissioner Vogt.

Commissioner Vogt also reminded citizens not to blow their grass out into the streets, bag it and put it out for the refuse to take or mulch it.

Commissioner Martin also encouraged citizens to attend the Taste of the Arts, and thanked all the volunteers who helped with the City-wide Cleanup on May 5, 2012.

Commissioner Wilson stated he believes there were over 80 volunteers who participated in the City-wide Cleanup and thanked them for their efforts. Commissioner Wilson also thanked the Southview Neighborhood Association for the great lunch they provided after the cleanup. Everything is looking good for another great Taste of the Arts this year as there is a little bit for everyone.

Commissioner Terry thanked the Street & Parks Departments for their help in making the boulevards beautiful again this year. The City is working on the pot holes and if you have one in front of your home or drive over one you can contact the Street Department to let them know where they are. Commissioner Terry also thanked the Southview Neighborhood for providing the wonderful meal after the City-wide Clean up on May 5, 2012, and hope residents in her neighborhood work harder on recycling so her neighborhood can be number one in recycling.

Mayor Fess stated she is looking forward to the ground breaking on Saturday, further encouraged citizens to attend the Taste of the Arts on Friday evening, also on Sunday, May 20, at 5:00 P.M. Habitat for Humanity will hold a ground breaking at 440 Orr Street, and last but not least the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 28th, at 9:00 A.M.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:45 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