

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday August 7, 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 Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: None.

Community Partnership Awards:

Rich Donnelly
Paul & Edna Stiefel
Joe Drapp
Cliff & Joyce Alexander
Jean Franz
Ruth Koon
Hartzell Propeller - Craig Barhorst
American Legion Piqua Post 184
Southview Neighborhood Association
Northparks Neighborhood Association
POWW - Jeff Lange

City Manager Gary Huff stated these are the first ever Community Partnership Awards. As City Manager Huff read the list of names the award winners came forward to accept their award from Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy. City Manager Huff gave a brief overview of each of the winner's contribution to the community, as they have all given selflessly of their time, energy, and money for the benefit of the community. This is just the beginning in terms of recognizing those who voluntarily assist in the improvement of the community, said City Manager Huff.

Russ Fashner, President of the Northparks Neighborhood Association stated, "As I have stated before, people need to get involved."

We appreciate everything the citizens are doing for the community. Certainly the number of contributed hours and dollars is not something one can easily add up; these contributions are priceless, said Mayor Fess.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from the July 17, 2012 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to approve the Minutes from the July 3, 2012 City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

ORD. NO. 10-12 (3rd READING)

An Ordinance authorizing the Modification of the First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, and Fifth Ward Boundaries

City Planner Chris Schmiesing presented a power point presentation with an illustration of the new map with the changes in the ward boundaries. This is a representation of the wards in the community based upon an equitable distribution of the population per the 2010 census figures. The modifications are minor in most areas just shifting the boundary line in a few of the blocks, stated Mr. Schmiesing. Per request by the City Commission an interactive map has been posted on the web site where citizens can enter their address, zero in on their property, click on the map and it will show the ward they are located in.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated the Board of Elections will have to approve the changes in the boundaries first, and the goal is have it approved by January 1, 2013 if possible. Everything will stay the same for the November 2012 election, stated Ms. Wall.

The Charter Review Committee initiated the changes and recommendation was made to the City Commission to put it on the ballot as a Charter Amendment to be voted on by the electorate. It will be reviewed every ten years and will not have to come back to the City Commission, as the Charter was amended to include the revisions every ten years.

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

Ordinance No. 12-12

An Ordinance amending Sections 53.01 and 53.07 of the Piqua Code, relating to Water Rates and New Service

Finance Director Cindy Holtzapple gave a brief overview of the proposed amendments to increase water rates over the next four plus years. The proposed increases are in two different categories – water usage fees and tap in fees. The proposed increases for water rates over the next five years are as follows: September 2012-20%, January 2013 – 20%, January 2014 – 6%, January 2015 – 6%, and January 2016 – 6%. The anticipated revenue ranges from \$267,076 to \$741,878, and Ms. Holtzapple explained the financing options that are available to the City.

Commissioner Wilson remarked that this is very confusing; stating the Piqua Daily Call had listed some very incorrect rates hikes in an article that really scared residents. The figures provided are the correct rate increases that citizens will be paying. These figures are much better stated Commissioner Wilson.

Mayor Fess stated no matter which option the City chose, there would still be the need for a rate increase.

Public Comment

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

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

Ordinance No. 13-12

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of public right of way known as Fountain Boulevard and Lake Street

City Planner Chris Schmiesing stated the petitioner Dan Rank of 1202 Fountain Boulevard would like to vacate a portion of the public right of way known as Fountain Boulevard and Lake Street that is effectively an extension of the front lawn of his property and the neighboring property located at 1105 Lake Street. The City Commission considered the request to vacate and declared their intent to consider the item. It was then forwarded to the Planning Commission for their approval, and is back before the City Commission for approval.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No, 13-12.

Ordinance No. 13-12 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-109-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Woodhull LLC for the lease of copiers for the City of Piqua

Finance Director Cindy Holtzaple explained this is a request for a five-year lease for copiers from Woodhull LLC. Formal bids were sent out and several bids were received. The City currently has 17 copiers under lease with Woodhull LLC and US Bank that expires on August 22, 2012. All the new copiers will have the capability to be a network printer, scan and print in color, sort & staple, with other options that will be utilized by various departments such as USB thumb drives, facing, additional paper trays, memory upgrades, hole punch, etc. With the new copiers some of the desktop printers would be eliminated. Ms. Holtzaple explained the Woodhull bid package and the other services they are offering, further stating the city has worked with Woodhull for the past 6 years and have been happy with them.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-109-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the Resolution No. R-109-12. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-109-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-110-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to North American Salt Co. for the purchase of road salt for the Street Department

Finance Director Cindy Holtzaple gave a brief overview of the salt purchase stating the City belongs to the Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G) that bids out salt purchases on behalf of approximately 95 entities. The city has participated in this joint bid successfully for many years and found great value in the quantity discounts the vendor's offer to the area communities that participate in the bids. The estimated usage is around 2,500 tons for the bid, but the city is not required to purchase that amount if there is another mild winter. The cost per ton is decreasing by \$1.62 from \$64.67 to \$63.05, stated Ms. Holtzaple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-110-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-110-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Martin, Fess, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-110-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-111-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Thomas and Betts Steel Structures for the emergency purchase of steel transmission poles for the Power System

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger explained due to the emergency situation on June 29, 2012 there was an extended outage of about three hours. Mr. Krieger explained the various aspects of the damage and the areas that were damaged. Twelve steel poles will be purchased to rebuild the damaged kV transmission line segment that catastrophically failed during the storm. The Power

System staff and PSE evaluated the benefits of both wood and steel poles and it was determined that steel poles would be preferred for the decreased maintenance costs and life expectancy. Thomas and Betts have the desired steel poles in stock, which reduces the delivery time to 2-4 weeks, stated Mr. Krieger.

There was discussion on the use of the steel poles versus the wood poles and the cost savings to the city. The city hopes to be reimbursed by FEMA for a good portion of the cost, and a good portion of the damage will be paid by the insurance.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-111-12.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-111-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-111-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-112-12

A resolution acquiring the services of Efaces/ACS and Precision Contracting Services (PCS) to provide fiber optic system design engineering services for the City

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger stated this is the initial engineering design study. The current fiber network was constructed in the early 1980's and over the course of time the bandwidth and the reliability of the existing fiber has been reduced to the bare minimum. Efacec/ACS/PCS will provide network and system design engineering services for installation of a single-mode fiber optic network loop connecting critical infrastructure within the Power System control, with a transverse single-mode fiber optic segment to connect City Hall, Police and Fire services, and IT Department as part of a Phase I design plan. Phase II implementation design plan will include routing to all remaining City of Piqua locations and other key locations. Phase III budgetary design will also be provided to include fiber optic connectivity to City of Piqua Key Accounts as part of the current Economic Development Plan.

City Manager Gary Huff stated the fiber optic lines will be a great Economic Development tool in the future for attracting new businesses to the community. It was noted that this would not affect residential customers at this time, but would be offered to local businesses and future businesses. There are a limited number of municipalities that offer this, and the City of Piqua will be one of those, stated City Manager Huff.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-112-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-112-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-112-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-113-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Innovative Office Solutions, Inc. for the purchase and installation of furniture and storage systems for the Power System Service Center

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger stated Piqua City Commission approved 15 separate contracts for the construction of the Power System Service Center at the March 6, 2012 Commission meeting. The last remaining contract to complete the building construction is for building furniture and storage systems. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to provide interior design service, and Innovative Office Solutions, Inc. was selected to provide these services

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-113-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-113-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-113-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-114-12

A Resolution awarding a contract to Buckeye Power Sales for the purchase of an emergency generator for the Power System Service Center

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger explained the recent June 29, 2012 windstorm highlighted the need to install a full-size emergency generator at the site of the new Power System Service Center. For the first time in history the city lost all four 69,000 volt interconnects with Dayton Power and Light Company for an extended period, resulting in a three hour outage to all City of Piqua residents. The City is moving forward with their plan to locate the primary emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the new Power System Service Center. Buckeye Power Sales will supply a 300 kV emergency natural gas generator and associated equipment.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to why the peaking units were not utilized? Mr. Krieger explained the reason for not using the peaking units. City Manager Huff stated it is critical that the Power System Service Center have reliable power in order for the Power System to work to get customers back on line if needed, and also to insure there is power to the Emergency Operations Center that is to be located in the Power System Service Center.

Mayor Fess stated the City of Piqua was able to restore power to customers in a very short period of time while other neighboring communities were out for much longer periods of time. We are very fortunate to have a great Power System and employees here in Piqua.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-114-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-114-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-114-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-115-12

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a labor contract with Local Union 984, Ohio Council 8, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, Blue Collar Unit

Law Director Stacy Wall explained Resolution R-115-12 and Resolution R-116-12 finalize the options and terms with the AFSC Blue Collar and Clerical-Technical Units. A few weeks ago there were a group of picketers outside the Municipal Government Complex stating the reason being the City and the Union had not yet agreed on the third year of the contract regarding wages and health insurance, but since then this has been resolved for both units. The wages and health insurance for the third year of the contract will remain 0%. The health insurance period will be extended three months from October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Ms. Wall stated the health insurance will remain the same and explained the various plans available. Wages will increase 3 ¼% effective October 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2013. Both parties are in full agreement and the unions have met and approved all of the issues.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-115-12.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-115-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-115-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-116-12

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a labor contract with Local Union 984, Ohio Council 8, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, Clerical-Technical Unit

Ms. Wall stated these are the exact same changes as stated previously.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-116-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-116-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-116-12 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.

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

Planning & Zoning Department Update – Chris Schmiesing

Mr. Schmiesing gave a brief power point update on the Plan It Piqua Comprehensive Plan Progress Report - Five-Year Review.

A kickoff meeting was held in November 2006, with public meetings held at various locations throughout the community from January through November of 2007. The Final Draft was completed in October 2007, and was presented to and adopted by the City Commission in January 2008. Mr. Schmiesing highlighted the detailed items in the Comprehensive Plan.

Land Use: Strengthen the sense of place/community identity to engender pride among residents, encourage citizen involvement in City efforts, encourage redevelopment of underutilized land resources, enhance opportunities for appropriate housing development, and stabilize and improve neighborhoods, preserve natural areas, create and modify land use patterns to support improved transportation choice and efficiency, support appropriate commercial, office and suitable industrial development.

Redevelopment: Redevelop targeted industrial and commercial sites and target older neighborhoods, work with local and regional groups to redevelop vacant and underutilized properties, rehab or remove deteriorated structure.

Housing: Support home ownership and provide a variety of housing choices, maintain and improve older housing stock, initiate marketing strategies to attract and retain homeowners, promote enhancement and redevelopment of existing neighborhoods.

Transportation: Improve the local transportation network, improve the physical appearance of roads and streets, improve traffic safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, maintain and pursue funds for transportation improvements.

Economic Development: Support local business and economic marketing strategies, create and market competitive industrial real estate and support intra-regional public relations.

Natural Environment: Celebrate Piqua's natural amenities along with enhancing the public access to the river; create new areas of open space and work to beautify the City.

Community Facilities: Understand service needs and enhance public safety services, reduce crime and improve perceptions of public safety, sustain and improve high quality parks throughout the community.

Utilities: Provide and maintain high quality services, maintain and enhance the water system, wastewater system, and the storm water system.

Implementation: Involve wide variety of stakeholders in implementation, monitor and evaluate implementation, provide resources for implementing the Plan, develop appropriate regulatory tools to implement the Plan, require concurrence with the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Schmiesing emphasized how each one of the chapters represents a goal, objective, and strategies that describe what the city hopes to accomplish. From defining and building upon already existing resources within the community to the creation of new programs, with the final resolution of making Piqua an attractive place to live, work, and play. We are doing very well, but some strides still need to be made that are limited to available resources. We will continue to monitor our progress and make sure we are staying on track, said Mr. Schmiesing.

City Manager Huff announced the August Piqua City Commission Work Session has been cancelled.

City Manager Huff stated he was very proud to announce the City of Piqua has been named the 2012 Healthiest Employer in the Dayton Region. This program was created to recognize those employers that proactively shape the health of their employees, and is sponsored by the Dayton Business Journal. Piqua was one of only 12 municipalities to receive this award. The City of Piqua has been nominated as the 2013 Top Work Place, a program that is being sponsored by the Dayton Daily News. The City of Piqua is also submitting for Certification for Playful City USA. This is an application-based national recognition program honoring cities and towns that make play a priority and use innovative programs to get children active, playing and healthy. Nathan Burkholder, a City of Piqua summer intern came forward to explain the Piqua Play Day that is scheduled to be held at Fountain Park on Saturday, August 18, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. Nathan asked for volunteers to help with the various activities and help with the children. City Manager Huff stated he appreciates all of Nathan's hard work on the project.

City Manager Huff also announced the implementation of a new program, the Volunteer Park Ranger Program. We need citizens in our Parks and along the Bike Trail to watch and report vandalism and maintenance issues. Applications are available on the City of Piqua web site. Training will be provided, and a recognizable shirt will be provided to each volunteer.

City Engineer Amy Havenar presented a brief power point update on the East Ash Street Project and several other ongoing projects.

The East Ash Street project began with construction in March 2012 with anticipated completion in November 2012. The total project cost is about \$2.04 million with an approximately \$1.46 million received in Grants. Several photos were shown of various stages and locations of the project.

Wayne Street Streetscape project includes streetscaping on the east side of Wayne Street between Water Street and Ash Street. Construction is to begin late summer 2012 with an anticipated project cost of \$290,000 with approximately \$57,000 received in Grants.

Commercial Street Corridor Bike Route Connector Project is the combination of a new bike path and on-street dedicated bike lanes, with construction to begin in 2014. The anticipated project cost is \$575,000 with approximately \$422,000 to be received in Grants.

US 36 Beautification Project consist of landscape enhancements along the use Rt 36 Corridor between Looney Road and the Railroad Bridge with construction to begin in 2013. Anticipated project costs are \$480,000, and will be receiving approximately \$290,000 in Grants.

College Street Corridor Traffic Signal Project intersection improvements will be made to College/Water and College/Covington, and will include new mast arm traffic signals, emergency preemption, and modified traffic signal operations. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2013 with an anticipated project cost of \$400,000 and will be receiving approximately \$300,000 in Grants.

The 2012 Street Resurfacing Program includes portions of Looney Road and various streets in the Candlewood Subdivision. This project will also include the installation of ADA compliant handicap ramps with an estimated cost of \$520,000.

Some of the other projects include the Design/Construction of a new Fishing Dock, City Tree Care/Maintenance in Collaboration with the Upper Valley Career Center, Bridge Care, Project inspections for the New Skate Park, the Canal Place Improvements, providing oversight/coordination for the Vectren BS/CI Replacement Project, the Bridge Replacements by (ODOT) at Garbry Road & Patrizio Place, Bridge Beam Painting of the US 36 (E. Ash Street).

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger provided a brief overview and several photos of the new 40,000 square foot, \$5 million dollar Power System Service Center.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Vogt stated the entrances to the City are looking very nice with all of the work that is being done. Commissioner Vogt noted the grass is starting to grow now and is growing up in the curbs and gutters, and asked citizens to help keep the weeds cut down.

Commissioner Vogt thanked both of the Unions for settling their labor contracts, and thanked the city employees for giving up their raises for the past several years. This city has great employees who are willing to help the city when needed, and he appreciates their sacrifices.

Commissioner Martin congratulated the Community Partnership Award winners for helping to make the city a better place to live, and encouraged citizens to continue to volunteer in the community.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated the Community Partnership Award winners for volunteering their time to the community as they saw a need and decided to get involved. If someone would like to get involved but don't know what they can do to help, they can contact the City and they will find a program they can work with, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Terry congratulated all of the Community Partnership Award winners stating she appreciates all of the volunteers and those who help within the community. This community is not run by elected officials, department heads, and employees only, but by all of the citizens who care about the community and its well being, stated Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens that Music Warehouse in the Park will take place on Friday and Saturday, August 10 and 11 in the Hance Pavilion.

Mayor Fess congratulated all of the Community Partnership Award winners stating this community would not be near what it is today without the help of all of these wonderful citizens giving of their time.

Mayor Fess also stated she received several emails concerning tall weeds and grass that need to be taken care of in the community. If citizens have areas in their neighborhoods that need to be addressed they should contact the City and give them the address.

Mayor Fess reminded citizens to work together to make our community a wonderful place to live and work. There are a lot of wonderful projects going on now, and she appreciates all of the city employees.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 9:20 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION