

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday October 2, 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.

PROCLAMATION

Business Appreciation Week in the City of Piqua

City Manager Huff read the names of the Piqua Business that are being honored for their length of service in the City of Piqua, and asked if they were present to come forward.

Mayor Fess read the Proclamation declaring the week of October 1-7 as Business Appreciation Week in the City of Piqua and presented it to Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce President Kathy Sherman. Mayor Fess stated she wanted all of the businesses in the community to know how much they are appreciated. A poster size copy of the Business Appreciation Proclamation was presented to Ms. Sherman to display in the Chamber of Commerce Office and one will be displayed in the Municipal Government Complex lobby. Ms. Sherman thanked the City of Piqua and all of the businesses, stating it is amazing all of the milestone anniversaries being celebrated by these businesses. We hope to continue to add many more years to the businesses celebrating these anniversaries, stated Ms. Sherman.

PRESENTATION

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting – Award by the Government Finance Officers Association

City Manager Huff provided information on the criteria for receiving this award noting this is the 21st consecutive year the City of Piqua Finance Department has received this award.

Mayor Fess stated it gives her a great deal of pleasure on behalf of the City to present this to Ms. Holtzapple and her staff. Mayor Fess read the award and presented it to Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple.

Ms. Holtzapple thanked the Mayor stating it is a true honor to accept this award on behalf of the City and she truly appreciates all of the ongoing support that they have received from the City Manager, the Commissioners, and all of the Directors and Departments throughout the City. This is truly an achievement that she would like to share and thank most with the Finance Department as they are very many talented people, and without the dedication and strive they put in each day this would not have been possible, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Mayor Fess asked Ms. Holtzapple to relay the Commissions congratulations to the Finance Department Staff.

PROCLAMATION

National Preparedness Month in the City of Piqua

Mayor Fess mentioned that this Proclamation was for the month of September but the way the Commission Meetings fell we were unable to get it in. Mayor Fess read the proclamation.

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS

Piqua Battery Corporate Office
Keith & Kathy Jessup
Larry & Donna Wilberding
Larry & Deb Cantrell
Jeffrey & Chelsea Applegate

128 S. Main Street
516 Orr Street
723 W. Greene Street
433 Glenwood Avenue
909 Boone Street

Mayor Fess read the list of the Residence Pride Award winners as photos of the properties were shown. Mayor Fess extended congratulations to all of the Residence Pride Award winners, and reminded citizens to look around their neighborhoods and nominate a neighbor who is taking pride in their home.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2012 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to approve the Minutes from the September 18, 2012 City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 17-12 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Sections 154.005, 154.025, 154.026 and 154.027 of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinance to define commercial recreation, indoor, and commercial entertainment, indoor use types and list the use types as special uses in the general business, light industrial, and heavy industrial zoning districts

City Planner Chris Schmiesing stated this is the third reading for this ordinance. This was presented to the Planning Commission who reviewed the proposals to amending the code, and recommended it be forward to the City Commission for approval. We have not received any additional comments or concerns regarding the changes, and the applicant is ready to move forward at this time stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 17-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry to approve Ordinance No. 17-12. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Martin, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 17-12 adopted.

ORD. NO. 18-12 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Sections 154.020 and 154.021 of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinances to list a Bed and Breakfast use type as a Special Use in the R-11 and R-1A One-Family Residential Zoning District

City Planner Chris Schmiesing explained this item was presented to the Planning Commission in response to a request to amend the zoning code to include a Bed and Breakfast use type as a special use option in the R1AA and R1A One –Family Residential Zoning District.

After a brief discussion Ordinance No. 18-12 was given a second reading.

RES. NO. R-132-12

A Resolution of authorization to submit an application for Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required for the County Road 25-A Phase II Reconstruction Project

City Engineer Amy Havenar stated Resolution No. R-132-12 allows the City to file an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for funding in the amount of \$950,000 for the County Road 25-A Phase II Reconstruction Project. The project would consist of reconstruction of County Road 25-A from Country Club Road to Looney Road, and will include a new base, asphalt pavement, concrete curb & gutter, sidewalks and new storm sewer. The project is in the design process and is scheduled to bid in June of 2013. This is an extension of the last Phase constructed in 2008, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-132-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution 132-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Martin, Terry and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-132-12 adopted

RES. NO. R-133-12

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

Law Director Stacy Wall explained this is a resolution to renew the city's property and liability insurance through MVRMA. This year's premium is lower than last year's, and in addition MVRMA returns any funds available that Piqua paid in when a loss year is closed. Piqua continues to receive this benefit as a loss year closed this year and another return is expected next year.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-133-12.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve Resolution No. R-128-12. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-133-12 adopted.

RES. NO. R-134-12

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (Civilians), Ohio Labor Council, Inc.

Law Director Wall explained the FOP Civilian unit has a collective bargaining agreement in effect from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. This is the third year of the contract and includes a reopener for health insurance only. The FOP has agreed to keep the benefit the same at 75% HAS funding and 15% premium share. All of the city employees, Union and nonunion are at 75% funding and a majority are at the 15% premium share and there are no changes to the benefit.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-134-12.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolution No. R-134-12. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-134-12 adopted.

RES NO. R-135-12 (Added – October 1, 2012)

A Resolution entering into an agreement with Piqua City Schools to provide project management services for the design, bidding, and construction phases of the new water main construction to the Springcreek School site

City Engineer Amy Havenar explained as part of the new school construction at the Springcreek School site on US Rt. 36, the Piqua City Schools (PCS) made the decision to service the new school building with City water, rather than to continue utilizing the existing well system. The PCS are going to undertake a project that will extend an existing 10' water main located within the City of Piqua to the west property line of the Springcreek School Site. The PCS has asked the City of Piqua to provide Project Management services to assist in the design, bidding, and construction of the water main. The services of the City Engineer as Project Manager will be provided as an in kind contribution to the project. It is anticipated that all of the design work will be completed by December 31, 2012 with construction on the water main scheduled to begin in early 2013, stated City Engineer Havenar.

Mayor Fess asked City Manager Huff to explain the reason for the request by the PCS since it is located outside the City limits. City Manager Huff explained further stating the City of Piqua will pay the contractor(s) for the design and the construction of the water main and the PCS will reimburse the City at 100% for all of the costs related to the design, permitting, inspections and construction. Questions were raised concerning if the 10" water main would accommodate future growth as they become available. City Engineer Havenar stated yes and explained. City Manager Huff explained the water main will be provided by the City of Piqua to the PCS and then turned over to the city after completion.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-13512.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve Resolution No. R-135-12. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-135-12 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.

Jeff Lange, St. Rt. 66 came forward and thanked all who participated in the July 21, 2012 River Sweep Clean Up. In all the 142 volunteers cleaned up 13, 500 pounds of trash this year. Mr. Lange gave a brief overview of all of the articles collected and read the list of names of the numerous individuals, organizations, and companies who participated or provided services. Mr. Lange also thanked the City of Piqua for their continued help.

Mayor Fess expressed appreciation to Mr. Lange for his leadership, further stating this is truly a City and regional project, and Mr. Lange's leadership is second to none.

City Manager's Report

Public Safety Referendum

City Manager Huff shared information on the Public Safety Referendum scheduled for November 6, 2012 ballot. City Manager Huff provided slides breaking down the costs that are needed for safety services and further stating the city needs to address these critical issues at this time. A flyer was provided with information to help answer questions regarding the 2012 Public Safety Services Levy.

City Engineer Havenar gave a brief update on the Wayne Street Streetscape Project.

Mayor Fess stated most of the work being done is being paid for by Grant money. Ms. Havenar stated about \$60,000 is through the Community Development Block Grant Fund and the remainder is coming out of the Street Fund.

City Manager Huff stated the City of Piqua /Grow Piqua Now received the Silver in Excellence Award in Economic Development for the 2012 State of Economic Development Report in the category of Annual Report for communities with populations of less than 25,000 from the International Economic Development Council (IEDIC).

City Manager Huff also extended congratulations to the Engineering Department, specifically City Engineer Amy Havenar, and Project Manager Bob Graeser for helping to get the East Ash Street Reconstruction Project completed on time and providing great management of the project.

City Manager Huff stated two City employees Tim Risner and Brian Crawford have safely returned home from military tours of duty and will be returning to their jobs with the Fire and Public Works Departments in the very near future. We are all very appreciative of their dedicated service to our country, said City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff stated leaf collection will begin the third week of October continuing through the middle of December, and asked citizens to rake their leaves to the curb for pick up. Citizens can also take their leaves down to the City Compost Facility on Piqua Troy Road for disposal.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Wilson stated he has been hearing there is nothing happening in the City of Piqua. There is a lot going on beginning with the completion of the Ash Street Reconstruction Project, the Hospital is in the process of being demolished, the Skate Board Park is almost completed, the Piqua Power Building is almost done, the Beautification Project in the Canal Place, demolition has started on some of the abandoned houses, and expansions of several businesses to name a few things going on now. Commissioner Wilson encouraged citizens to get out and check out the things happening in Piqua. Next year will also be a busy year with the new schools being built and the Piqua Power Plant will be coming down.

Commissioner Terry congratulated all of the Award winners, stating the Residence Pride winners are a shining example to their neighborhoods, and encouraged citizens to get out and complete their projects on their homes before winter comes.

Commissioner Terry also congratulated the Finance Department on receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence Award. Further stating this is not the first time this award has been given to them, and we know there is a great trend toward excellence in financial reporting by our Finance Department.

Commissioner Terry stated the Ash Street Corridor is open now, further commenting on how easy it is going to be again to get out to the mall and the interstate. People are certainly going to appreciate the new corridor and the ease of travel now, stated Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the local businesses, stating he feels the City doesn't show them enough appreciation as they are very generous to the City and help with many local projects.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the Residence Pride Winners stating he has driven by all of the properties and they certainly deserve their award, and the neighborhoods where they are located are also very nice. Commissioner Vogt believes all of the neighborhoods are stepping up and keeping their properties well maintained, and thanked everyone for making the effort.

Mayor Fess stated there are a lot of things happening in the City of Piqua, and it is a very exciting time to be in Piqua. The new City Manager is a go getter and we certainly appreciate all he is doing as we are changing the face of Piqua. Mayor Fess stated the Ash Street Corridor is open and looks great, expressing the Commissions appreciation to City Engineer Amy Havenar and her staff for doing such a wonderful job on the project.

Mayor Fess stated the volunteers in the City of Piqua are a wonderful asset and are making a lot of things possible. There are so many groups and organizations coming together to make things happen in the city every day, and we appreciate each and every one very much, said Mayor Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:30 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION