

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
Tuesday, October 2, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met in a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Administrative Conference Room located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Fess called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: None.

US 36 Corridor Landscaping Project

Mr. Edsell gave a brief presentation showing the proposed landscaping improvements to the Rt. 36 Project.

Commissioner Vogt stated it is a beautiful plan with the tired walls but he would like to find an alternative option to mowing the hills at this time due to safety reasons. Mr. Edsell explained how the 6ft. walls would be tapered down to a 4ft. wall by the Mall entrance with the possibility of a serpentine wall being used and further explained the reason for designing the two tiers at this time. The total cost would be close to \$700,000 for just the walls stated Mr. Edsell. Thus the reason for not including it in Phase I, which only has a \$437,000 budget.

Commissioner Wilson stated he would like to see a less expensive option and to be able to do something now, as this is a visible part of the corridor. Mayor Fess expressed her concerns about just doing "something" at this time.

Mr. Edsell stated there is the possibility of putting plantings in there at this time to keep the costs down. City Manager Huff stated he was not a fan of the Crown Veg plantings that were suggested.

Mayor Fess asked if it would be possible to revise Phase I at this time. Mr. Edsell explained what was included in the Phase I project.

There was a lengthy discussion of the various other options to be used on the slopes along with the cost that would be involved with each. One of the top priorities is the possibility of reducing the slopes for safety reasons, and to enhance the visual appearance of the businesses located along the corridor. Installing approximately 750 foot of lineal walls with plantings along the terraced walls. Pedestrian crossings at Center Court, Rt.36, and Scott Drive, with the development of rain gardens and swales in the medians, and increase the width of the sidewalks along Rt. 36.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Edsell for his very informative presentation.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 7:05 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION