

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday February 5, 2013
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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: Mayor Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Mayor Fess from the February 5, 2013 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RES. NO. R-11-13

A Resolution accepting the resignation of Denise Uhlenbrock as a member of the Park Board

RES. NO. R-12-13

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

RES. NO. R-14-13

A Resolution reappointing an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

RES. NO. R-15-13

A Resolution reappointing an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried Unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 30-12 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of public right-of-way

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Bill Murphy explained this property is a platted portion of Downing Street right of way located south of Meteor Street, and is not essential to public transportation. The Planning Commission reviewed this and unanimously approved the vacation of this portion of public right-of-way.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 30-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 1-13 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 55.31 – Storm Water Fees, established of the Piqua Municipal Storm Water Management

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator provided a brief overview of the 2013 Storm Water Utility rate, stating they would be raised from \$4.70 to \$5.20 (\$0.50) per ERU and the 2014 Storm Water Utility rate would be raised from \$5.20 to \$5.45 (\$0.25) per ERU. The rate increases will help cut the projected deficits in the Storm Water Budget. Just from the increase that goes into effect in March 2013, the additional revenue would be about \$71,000, stated Mr. Alexander.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 1-13.

Ordinance No. 1-13 was given a second reading.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to bring Resolution No. R-157-12 back to the table. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-157-12 (Tabled 12-18-2012)

A Resolution approving a contract with EFACEC/ACS Inc. to design, install and maintain a fiber optic network for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) connectivity to electric substations and other municipal sites

Power System Director Ed Krieger provided several slides and information regarding the new SCADA system and the advantages it will provide to the city, local businesses, and to the future growth within the community.

There was discussion regarding the many advantages to having such a system in Piqua. A single-mode redundant looping will connect the City Hall, Police and Fire Departments, and the IT Department as part of the Phase I design plan. This has been in the planning stages now for several years stated Mr. Krieger, and we are looking forward to having it up and running as soon as possible. The Energy Board unanimously approved this at their January 22, 2013 meeting. It was noted that in the future the city will be able to offer Fiber Optic services to local businesses, and would be used as an Economic Development tool.

Public Comment

Joe Drapp, Park Avenue a member of the Energy Board came forward and thanked the City Commission for presenting this to the Energy Board as it was very informative. Mr. Drapp also voiced his approval of the project stating it will be a great asset to the City of Piqua.

John Alexander, Sunset Drive, came forward stating he is a member of the Energy Board and appreciates the Commissions comments, and the great relationship the Power System has with the vendor.

Law Director Stacy Wall asked if the Commission understood what they were voting on and explained the changes that were made.

Commissioner Wilson stated the money is not coming from the General Fund as the money has been saved for this.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to amend Resolution R-1857-12 as noted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-157-12 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-13 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 32, Section 32.016 and 32.061, of the Piqua Municipal Code to reflect meeting requirements

Law Director Stacy Wall explained the current code requirement the Energy and Park Boards to meet even if there is no agenda. This amendment allows for a meeting to be called upon there being business but also sets a minimum standard of meeting once a quarter.

Ordinance No. 2-13 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-15-13

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of transformers for the Power System

Assistant Power System Director explained that each year the Power System solicits bids to replenish transformer inventory. Bids were received from five vendors and the lowest and best bids were received from Power Line Supply and Emco. Emco was the successful bidder for thirty-six transformers totaling \$121,639. In addition a purchase order will also be issued to Power Line Supply for two Howard transformers in the amount of \$8,450.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-15-13

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-15-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Martin, Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-15-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-16-13

A Resolution authorizing a contract with CDM-Smith to perform professional engineering services for a High Rate Treatment System Pilot study at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Dave Davis gave a brief overview of the program stating CDM-Smith will perform Professional Engineering Services along with data collection of information for the BioActiflo pilot testing program at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bob Yoxthimer, of CDM-Smith further explained the pilot testing program that is aimed at identifying specific design parameter for approval by the Ohio EPA to allow the City to take advantage of newer technology to treat higher flow rates during wet weather events. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan has been recently been verbally approved by the Ohio EPA to perform under high flow conditions, and will also establish acceptable design criteria to meet NPDES permit limits for the Wastewater Plant, stated Mr. Davis.

There was discussion of the various types of rain events that would affect the system and the process they would follow. How they will be able to eliminate the SSO in the future, and the use of river water if needed.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-16-13

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-16-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-16-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-17-13

A Resolution authorizing a contract with Kruger Inc. to provide a High Rate Treatment Pilot Unit and Operator

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Dave Davis explained the Ohio EPA has verbally approved the Wastewater System Master Plan to remove the SSO from the Great Miami River. The Ohio EOA requires a Pilot Test to show the abilities of this new technology on our plant flows. The key to this testing is the time of year to acquire enough data to analyze the abilities of the treatment process. The information gathered from the study will also aid the engineers in the design phase of the improvements. This item was included in the 2013 Wastewater Budget and is also covered under the DEFA Planning Loan acquired from OEPA, stated Mr. Davis.

There was discussion of where the unit would be located, and who will operate it. It was noted that the rental cost of the unit includes one operator to man the system. This was also done in Akron, Ohio recently and there are several other cities waiting in line to use the system in the future, stated Mr. Davis.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-17-13

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-17-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-17-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-18-13

A Resolution authorizing an Application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Funds from the Recreational Trails Program for the restoration of portions of the Great Miami River Recreational Trail

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Bill Murphy explained the grant will provide \$150,000 for restoration activity on the Great Miami River Recreational Trail on a 2,000 foot section located between Ash and North Main Street. The grant requires a 25% match, meaning the city must commit \$50,000 in funds to the project.

There was discussion of a different way of repairing the trail as it seems to wash out really easily, or the possibility of moving the trail up to higher ground to prevent this in the future. In-kind services were mentioned to help defray some of the repairs costs, and it was noted that in-kind services are being used on the maintenance of the trail.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-18-13

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-18-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-18-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-19-13

A Resolution authorizing preliminary legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the programming of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure

City Engineer Amy Havenar stated in May of 2012 the City was notified of the award of A Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant for construction of infrastructure projects. The projects will consist of infrastructure improvements around the Piqua Junior High School site, Washington Intermediate School site, and the Wilder Intermediate School site. Some of the improvements will consist of new pavement installation markings and signage, installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, replacement of damaged sidewalk and curbs, and construction of a multi-use path to the Junior High School from Looney Road, in addition to various other miscellaneous projects, said Ms. Havenar. As with all project receiving federal funds we are required to program the project with ODOT in order to begin moving forward with the design. The grant application was approved to cover 100% of the estimated costs associated with implementing the proposed improvements. It is anticipated that a consultant will be on board by April of 2013 to begin the design, with construction scheduled for the spring of 2015 stated Ms. Havenar.

There was discussion on the reason for making the infrastructure improvements in the Wilder School area when the school is one of the scheduled ones to be taken down with the building of the new school on Park Avenue in the future. Ms. Havenar explained.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-19-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-19-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution R-19-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-20-13

A Resolution awarding a contract to Demmy Sand & Gravel, LLC for the construction of the US Route 36 Water Main Extension Project

City Engineer Amy Havenar stated on January 23, 2013 eleven bids were received and Demmy Sand & Gravel, LLC was the lowest. The project will consist of the installation of approximately 2500 LF of 10-in ductile iron water main piping, including all if the associated valves and fire hydrants, along US Route 36 to the Springcreek School site. The Piqua City Schools will reimburse the City of Piqua for 100% of the project costs. The City will be providing inspection services as an in-kind contribution to the project, stated Ms. Havenar.

There was discussion on the company awarded the contract as to the experience they have on this type project, and if the Commission could have a little more information regarding the bids on this type of project in the future.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-20-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R- 20-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-20-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-21-13

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Piqua Materials, Inc. as a supplier of stone and code patch for the 2013 Street and Alley Maintenance program

City Manager Huff provided a brief overview stating. In January of 2013 the Purchasing Analyst went out for asphalt bids, and on January 22 bids were received with Piqua Materials being awarded the bid.

The City decided to accept the renewal prices offered last year from Piqua Materials on the Stone that is needed annually, but rebid the cold patch and the price was increased slightly. Unfortunately, the Barrett Paving plant is located in Moraine and Valley Asphalt's is located on Dryden Road. It was recommended purchasing all stone and cold patch from Piqua Materials, Inc. due to the close proximity of their plant to the work areas to increase efficiency, stated City Manager Huff.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-21-13

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve Resolution No. R-21-13. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-21-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-22-13

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. as the primary supplier and Valley Asphalt Corporation as the secondary supplier of hot mix for the 2013 Street and Alley Maintenance Program

City Manager Huff explained bids were also sent out in January 2013 for asphalt specification and the bids were received on January 22, 2013. The city has had issues over the past few years obtaining the type and amount of asphalt that is needed for a project from the Barrett plant. This happened several time because they produce what the larger contractor need and we have had to delay our project. Also if their plant breaks down, we are at their mercy as to when we can work again. In the past we have purchased asphalt from both Valley Asphalt and Barrett Paving depending on who had the mix available when we needed it. We would like to issue a Purchase Order to both Barrett Paving and Valley Asphalt for the purchase of 402 & 404 asphalt to ensure that the asphalt will be available to the City when it is needed.

There was discussion on providing the necessary paving of the alleys, as the paving program for the alleys has not been done in the last few years. City Manager Huff explained.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-22-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolution No. R-22-13. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-22-13 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

City Manager Huff stated they are moving forward with the Moving Ohio Forward Program and have identified ten structures that will be demolished with the State Funding. They include: 1000 S. Roosevelt, 1210 S. Roosevelt, 1214 S. Roosevelt, 114 Cassel Street, 1411 Edge Street, 622 First Street, 507 Gray Street, 529 W. Water Street, 707 McKinley Avenue, and 514 Spring Street.

City Manager Huff announced the Ribbon Cutting for the Piqua Skate Park has been rescheduled for March 9th 2013 at 11:00 A.M. They are hoping to have good weather for the ribbon cutting, and to show appreciation to Rich Donnelly for making this valuable contribution to the community, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff stated he is very proud to announce the City of Piqua was awarded one of the 2013 Top Work Places in the Dayton area by the Dayton Business Journal. This award is very significant as it is a result of how the city employees rated the City on things such as leadership; ethics; communication; and training benefits which reflects the great attitude that the city employees have. This is particularly meaningful since we received the award simply because our employees rated us so highly, and we are very proud of this, stated City Manager Huff.

Economic Development Update

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Bill Murphy provided a brief year-end report on Economic Development activities for 2012. Mr. Murphy also provided information on the 2013 Grow Piqua Now Work Plan.

Commissioners Comment

Commissioner Wilson stated the Chamber of Commerce distributed the new Quality of Life brochure recently commenting on the information provided. The brochure showed all of the great things about living in the Piqua area, as we do not always appreciate the things we have, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Wilson commented he stopped in at Mulligan's Pub on Saturday evening and was very pleased with everything, and further stating he has only heard great things about the new facility. One of the things to look at when you are in Mulligan's is the ceiling as it is very ornate and original, so when you are in there look up, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Terry stated she was at Mulligan's Saturday evening and also had a good experience. Commissioner Terry encouraged citizens to patronize Mulligan's Pub and the new Buffalo Wings & Rings coming soon.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Dan Ramer on receiving the Order of George Award recently.

Commissioner Vogt stated he stopped in at Mulligan's Pub before it opened and spoke with the Chef who is very pleased with the restaurant, and has a lot of good ideas for the future. Commissioner Vogt encouraged citizens to stop in and patronize Mulligan's.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION