

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday April 2, 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. Mayor Fess called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: None

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Mayor Fess asked that Resolution No. R-48-13 be moved forward at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to Resolution No. R-48-13 forward at this time. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**RES. NO. R-48-13**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Joe Cline as a City Employee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution R-48-13 is a Resolution of Appreciation for Joe Cline for his 30 years of service as an Electrician in the Power Distribution Department.

Mayor Fess asked Joe Cline and Power System Director Ed Krieger to come forward. Mayor Fess read the Resolution of Appreciation. Mr. Krieger gave a brief outline of the various positions Mr. Cline held in the Power System over his 30 years of employment with the City of Piqua.

Mr. Cline thanked his family and the City of Piqua for their support over the last 30 years of his employment.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-48-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-48-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-48-13 adopted.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2013 Piqua City Commission Work Session and the March 19, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 3-13 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Section 77.01-Traffic Schedules adopted, Schedule IV and Schedule VII, of the Piqua Code, relating to four-way stop intersections and traffic control devices pertaining to the South Street/Sunset Drive intersection

City Engineer Amy Havenar stated this is the third reading of Ordinance No. 3-13 the modification of Code Section 77.01 Traffic Schedule. Ms. Havenar stated a request was brought to the Transportation Committee to review the intersections surrounding Pitsenbarger Park for improving/enhancing the safety with regards to pedestrians, bicyclists, and the traffic coming out of the park complex. After review the Transportation Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the City Commission the intersection be changed from a signalized intersection to a multi-way stop intersection.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 3-13.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adopted Ordinance No. 3-13. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 3-13 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 4-13 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Piqua Municipal Code to repeal Section 90.28 vicious dogs

Police Chief Bruce Jamison stated this is the third reading of Ordinance No. 4-13. As previously stated the Commissioners asked that the code section be reviewed at a City Commission Work Session to look into the vicious dog legislation. Coincidentally, there was also a statewide debate on a new law which was eventually passed by the Ohio General Assembly. The new state law includes elements of the ordinance which the City originally enacted in 1994. Chief Jamison stated he checked into the Statewide Data Base, and it is still not available and it will be some time before it is ready.

There was discussion on the how vicious dogs are identified, and if neighbors are notified of vicious or dangerous dogs in their neighborhoods. Chief Jamison stated citizens should still call 911 for help with a vicious dog.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 4-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Ordinance No. 4-13. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 4-13 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 5-13 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the Piqua Municipal Code (Peddlers and Solicitors)

Police Chief Bruce Jamison stated this Ordinance was also in response to concerns raised at a City Commission Work Session regarding panhandling restrictions. Panhandling has died down recently or at least over the last several weeks they have not been in the mall area.

There was discussion over the need for registering if they were going to panhandle in the City of Piqua, and having their registration visible when they are panhandling.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 5-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adopt Ordinance No. 5-13. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fess declared Ordinance No. 5-13 adopted.

**New Business**

**RES. NO. R-49-13**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Burgess and Niple, Inc. for the completion of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Grant received by the City of Piqua at a cost not to exceed \$115,000

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Bill Murphy stated late last year the City of Piqua received a \$148,000 grant from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to further study the health related and development issues dealing with brownfields. It was noted that the City of Piqua is the first and only municipal government in the entire United States to receive this funding from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Proposals were sent out and after reviewing the three proposals two firms were chosen to be most qualified, Burgess and Niple, Inc. and National Brownfield Association. National Brownfield Association decided to withdraw their statement, and will act as subcontractor to Burgess and Niple, Inc. on this project.

The work will be completed later this summer and will include bringing in a team of national experts to review the physical environment and provide guidance and metrics to improve the public health in the areas impacted by brownfields, stated Mr. Murphy.

Mayor Fess asked Mr. Murphy what the study entailed. Mr. Murphy gave a brief overview of the study providing information regarding the notification of the information to the public. This could possibly lead to additional funds in the future, stated City Manager Huff.

The entire cost of this project is covered by the ATSDR Grant which was for \$148,000 and the cost of the contract work is only \$115,000, the remaining \$33,000 will be retained for administrative costs by the City of Piqua, stated Mr. Murphy.

There was a brief discussion of the location of some of the brownfield areas in Piqua, how the assessments are completed, and the benefits to the community.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-49-13

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-49-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Fess, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-49-13 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.

John Monroe, Leonard Street came forward stating he is a member of the Southview Neighborhood Association, and they would like to propose moving the Senior Center from the current location at the YMCA to Mote Park. Mr. Monroe provided information on the reasons for moving the senior center.

City Manager Huff stated the next step if the Commission has no objection to this is for Mr. Monroe to take his proposal to the Park Board and present the request to them for consideration.

Tom Strohenger, Spotted Doe came forward and expressed his interest in moving the Senior Center from the YMCA to Mote Park, further stating it would be a more convenient location for seniors with the larger parking area, and would also provide someone on site each day.

All Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Monroe going to the Park Board with his proposal.

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff announced the City of Piqua Power System was a Diamond Award Winner as part of the American Public Power Association Reliable Public Power Provider Program. Piqua was one of only six Diamond Award recipients out of over 2000 Public Power Systems nationwide and explained the criteria. This is a huge accomplishment for the City of Piqua, especially with all of the other larger municipal power systems in the nation that Piqua was chosen as one of six, stated City Manager Huff. Power System Director Ed Krieger gave a brief overview of the areas in which the City excelled in and announced several employees had also won top honors in their fields of competition. We may not be the largest Power System in the nation, but we can be the best, stated Mr. Krieger. Mayor Fess stated she can attest to the knowledge the power system employees have by how fast the Power System is able to get the city back on line whenever there is an outage.

City Manager Huff congratulated the Police Officer Matt Cook and Fire Officer Don Larger for being named Officers of the Year, and Joe Cline for his 30 years of service to the City of Piqua.

City Manager Huff stated Buffalo Wing's and Rings restaurant will have their official Ribbon Cutting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 A.M. ,further stating the restaurant was recently named #1 in sales in all the franchises in all of the states.

City Manager Huff announced the State of Economic Development Report will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at Ft. Piqua Plaza.

City Manager Huff announced the Monthly Work Session for April has been cancelled due to lack of business.

### **Commissioners Comment**

Commissioner Vogt congratulated Joe Cline on his 30 years of service to the City of Piqua. Commissioner Vogt announced the Echo Hills Golf Course is open and they are selling memberships, stating it is the best golf course in the area. Commissioner Vogt encouraged citizens to patronize all of the City of Piqua facilities this summer.

Commissioner Martin congratulated the Ed Krieger, the Piqua Municipal Power Plant and the employees on their recognition, further stating we do things well in the City of Piqua and it shows.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Power Systems director Ed Krieger, and the Power Plant employees on their achievements, and to former Power Plant employee Joe Cline on his 30 years of service to the City of Piqua. It was nice to see Mr. Cline's family in attendance for his recognition.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Power Systems Director Ed Krieger, the Power Plant employees, and the Joe Cline. Recently the Police & Fire Appreciation Dinner was held at the YWCA, and Matt Cook was named Police Officer of the Year, and Don Larger was named Fire Fighter of the Year, stated Commissioner Wilson offering his congratulations to both of them.

Commissioner Wilson announced on April 13, 10:30 A.M. residents will meet and leave from Lock 9 Park on the First Community Bicycle Ride along the Bike Path, stopping at a local restaurant for lunch. This will be a monthly event that will take place on the second Saturday of each month with the ride being about an hour long. This is a great way to get people out on the bike path either riding or walking, and will be a fun event, said Commissioner Wilson.

Mayor Fess congratulated Ed Krieger and the Power Plant employees, Joe Cline, Matt Cook, and Don Larger.

Mayor Fess announced Dancing with the Piqua Stars is scheduled for Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Learning Center with two performances. There are still tickets available for the afternoon matinee with the evening dinner session sold out. Vote for your favorite dancer and help support the Piqua Arts Council.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:20 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION