

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday April 16, 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 Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Mayor Fess and Commissioner Martin from the April 16, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None.

Vice Mayor Vogt asked for a moment of silence in honor of the bombing victims at the Finish Line of the Boston Marathon on Monday April 15, 2013.

**PRESENTATION**

**Ms. Cindy Bach, Solid Waste Coordinator for Miami County**  
***Topic-Miami County Solid Waste District Update***

Ms. Back gave a brief presentation on some of the programs, and outlined the events planned by Miami County in the near future. There were several questions regarding fees involved with the disposal of electronics or any other household items. Ms. Back mentioned the need for recycling cell phones as they are given to the abuse shelter. Ms. Bach stated the solid waste program will be reviewed, and the disposal bids came in lower than expected and will reflect in a cost savings in both the transfer and tipping fees. Residents are encouraged to visit the Miami County website at [www.miamicountysed.com](http://www.miamicountysed.com) for more information.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

**RES. NO. R-50-13**

A Resolution terminating the appointment of David Zimmerman to the Community Diversity Committee

Resolution No. R-50-13 terminates David Zimmerman as a member of the Community Diversity Committee as he no longer resides in the City of Piqua.

**RES. NO. R-51-13**

A Resolution terminating the appointment of David Zimmerman to the Energy Board

Resolution No. R-51-13 terminates David Zimmerman as a member of the Energy Board as he no longer resides in the City of Piqua.

**RES. NO. R-52-13**

A Resolution terminating the appointment of David Zimmerman to the Stormwater Utility Board

Resolution No. R-52-13 terminates David Zimmerman as a member of the Stormwater Utility Board as he no longer resides in the City of Piqua.

**RES. NO. R-53-13**

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

Resolution No. R-53-13 appoints Jesse Dotson as a member of the Tree Committee for a term to expire on March 17, 2017.

**RES. NO. R-54-13**

A resolution appointing a member to the Community Diversity Committee

Resolution No. R-54-13 appoints Helen Cuff as a member of the Community Diversity Committee for a term to expire on March 1, 2015.

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

**New Business**

**RES. NO. R-55-13**

A Resolution retaining the service of HORAN to provide Health Insurance Consulting Services for the City of Piqua

Human Resources Director Elaine Barton stated HORAN has worked with the city of Piqua for the past three years as the health insurance consultant. The City extended the contract with HORAN for the third year by Resolution R-79-12 passed June 1, 2012. This also included an option for an additional three year period with the City. Resolution No. R-55-13 would approve the extension for another three years with HORAN. HORAN has negotiated lower health insurance premiums for the City for the past two years, and was successful in the negotiation of only a single digit increase for the 2013 plan year. The City does not incur broker fees, as they are paid a flat fee rather than a percentage of the health insurance coverage. In the three years the City has worked with HORAN there has been an average of only a 5% increase, stated Ms. Barton.

Erik Freudenberg and Julie Tople Account Representatives from HORAN were in attendance to answer questions. Mr. Freudenberg provided a brief overview and answered questions regarding services, fees, and claims in the future, and how they will be processed.

City Manager Huff stated that HORAN has done an outstanding job and is very professional, and has been very helpful in a lot of areas in providing cost savings to the City of Piqua.

Mr. Freudenberg stated it is a pleasure to work with the City of Piqua, and the staff.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-55-13

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-55-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-55-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-56-13**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Fanning Howey Engineering Group for the engineering design services for the North Main Street Streetscape project

City Engineer Amy Havenar explained in October of 2010 the City Commission approved the submission of the N. Main Street Streetscape Project to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program, and was selected for funding. Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) were sent out and Fanning Howey Engineering Group was selected to provide a Technical Proposal for the engineering design services. The project limits are from Greene Street to the River Bridge on N. Main street and the project will consist of the removal and replacement of sidewalk, curbing, street signs, light poles, and installation of brick pavers, benches, trash receptacles and other streetscape amenities where right-of-way permits, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the location of the improvements, the type of materials to be used, along with the expected completion date for the project.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-56-13

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-56-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-56-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-57-13**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with EMH&T for the Engineering Design Services for the Safe Routes to Scholl Improvements

City Engineer Amy Havenar explained in May of 2012 the City was notified of the award of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant for construction of infrastructure projects around the Piqua Junior High School site, Washington Intermediate School site, and the Wilder Intermediate School site. The proposed improvements for the Wilder site are also located along the designated walking route for the new school which will be located at the former Piqua Memorial Hospital site, and will be a benefit to both sites, stated Ms. Havenar. Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) were sent out and EMH&T was selected to provide the Technical Proposal for the engineering design services. The grant application was submitted to cover 100% of the estimated costs. However in reviewing a more detailed scope of the work with ODT and EMH&T, the amount of the design work will exceed the amount that originally submitted when applying for the grant and Ms. Havenar explained. The 103 Fund has the capacity to pay for the additional design fees not covered by the grant.

There were several questions asked regarding the type of lights that will be used, the areas the work will be done in. It was noted that after the design services are completed the final plans will come back before the City Commission for review and approval, stated City Manager Huff.

**Public Comment**

Joe Hinds, Colleen Drive, came forward and voiced his concern about the traffic at the corner of High and Downing Street with the YMCA daycare center located there,

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-57-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-57-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-58-13**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application to the Local Government Innovation Fund for the funding of a Feasibility Study for a Shared Service Facility

City Manager Huff explained in 2012 the State of Ohio introduced the Local Government Innovation Fund, which provides loans and grants to local governments to encourage collaborative effort and to pursue innovative practices. After several internal discussions it was determined that the program would be an appropriate use of funds to request a grant for a feasibility study for a shared service facility. The facility would be used to share a fleet management and repair facility with other local government agencies which include Piqua City School District, Ohio Department of Transportation-District VII, Miami East Local School District, and the Covington Exempted Village School District. The funding would pay for the feasibility study to determine if cost savings can be had from all participants by having shared fleet management services.

Commissioner Terry asked if City Manager Huff would explain who ODOT District V11 is and what their role will be in this combined program. City Manager Huff gave a brief overview of ODOT. It was noted that the study is being completely paid for by the State.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-58-13

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-58-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-58-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-59-13**

A Resolution objecting to the renewal of Liquor Permit #5520104 held by Maradi Petroleum, LLC , DBA Piqua Marathon LLC. 1130 Park Avenue, Piqua, Ohio

Law Director Stacy Wall explained the Piqua Police Department has had significant contact with Buckeye Chuck's at 1130 Park Avenue resulting in multiple court cases and a drain on City resources that affect the community as a whole. Resolution No. R-59-13 is a resolution objecting to the renewal of Liquor Permit #5520104 held by Maradi Petroleum LLC DBA Piqua Marathon LLC. 1130 Park Avenue, Piqua, Ohio for all of the statutory reasons provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.292(A) specifically, (1) (t). This will not close the establishment down, this is objecting to the renewal of their liquor license. A hearing is being requested by the City to voice their concerns to the Liquor Control Board, and the Liquor Board will make the final determination as to the renewal of the liquor license.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-59-13

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-59-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-59-13 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.

**OTHER**

Monthly Reports for February were noted and received.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff stated the City will kick off the ASTR Grant which is the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry. This will involve the Center for Disease Control, the National Brownfields Association, and the Consultant for this project Burgess and Niple. This is a \$138,000 grant, and the City of Piqua is the first municipality in the nation to receive this type of grant.

City Manager Huff announced the Development Department has scheduled a work session to be held in the Commission Chambers on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the future location of a new Dog Park in the City of Piqua.

City Manager announced the Arbor Day Celebration will be held at French Park on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. with the rain date of May 6, 2013.

City Manager Huff congratulated Power Systems Director Ed Krieger on being selected as the American Public Power Association recipient of the Robert E. Roundtree Rising Star Award. This award is given to individuals who are recognized by their peers as future leaders of the Public Power System. The award will be presented at the National APPA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in June.

**Commissioners Comment**

Vice Mayor Vogt stated he wanted to speak on behalf of the Friends of the Parks who are working very hard on plans for improvements to Pitsenbarger Park. Plans include a statue of William H. Pitsenbarger, Splash Pad, and new signage. Vice Mayor encouraged citizens to support the efforts of the Friends of the Parks, further stating the donations are tax deductible.

Vice Mayor Vogt announced all of the proceeds from the City of Piqua Car Show in July will go the Pitsenbarger Sports Complex renovations this year.

Commissioner Wilson stated the Friends of the Parks fund raising committee have put a lot of effort in fundraising for the various new projects at Pitsenbarger Sports Complex. Commissioner Wilson reminded citizens that their pledges are tax deductible, and encourage citizens to send in their pledges. The new Splash Pad will be a great improvement to the Municipal Pool as attendance has been down the last year. The Splash Pad will help to raise the attendance and bring people back to the municipal pool. Commissioner Wilson thanked the Friends of the Parks committee members for all of their hard work and dedication to these worthwhile projects.

Commissioner Terry stated there have been a couple of Ribbon Cuttings recently including the new Buffalo Rings and Wings, and the Heartland Credit Union. Commissioner Terry thanked both of them for investing their money in Piqua, and asked citizens to support them.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens to pick up trash when they see it in their yards and in their neighborhoods. The planters in the downtown area are also being used for trash, and Commissioner Terry asked that trash not be placed in them as it damages the soil for the flowers that are going to be planted soon. Also when walking by St. James Church Commissioner Terry noticed a pile of cigarette butts that had been dumped out by the bump out, and asked citizens to please refrain from dumping their trash out on the public streets.

Vice Mayor Vote reminded citizens not to blow their grass into the gutters when mowing, but to blow it back into their yards as this clogs up the sewer.

It was stated that the Executive Session would not be held due to the absence of two of the Commission Members at this time.

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

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WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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