

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday June 4, 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 Terry, Vogt, and Wilson, Trustee Mc Maken, Trustee Hiegel, and Trustee Holfinger. Absent: Martin.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry to excuse Commissioner Martin from the June 4, 2013 Piqua City Commission Meeting due to a death in the family. Voice vote, Aye; Fess, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay; None.

**JOINT MEETING OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the May 7, 2013 Joint Meeting with the Washington Township Trustees and the Piqua City Commission

**Resolution No. R-82-13**

A Resolution renewing a tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for maintenance and operating the Forest Hill Union Cemetery

Trustee Hiegel gave a brief explanation on the need for the tax levy at this time.

Move by Trustee Hiegel, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-82-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Holfinger, McMaken, Hiegel, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Trustee Holfinger, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from the Joint Meeting of the Washington Township Trustees and the Piqua City Commission Meeting at 7:40 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

**I LOVE PIQUA VIDEO AWARD WINNERS**

- 1st Place - Riley Branson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Elizabeth Ann Butt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jared & Justin Younce

Lorna Swisher, Executive Director Mainstreet Piqua came forward and provided a brief outline of the requirements for the I Love Piqua Video. The winning video by Riley Branson was shown, and Bill Murphy, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director presented an oversize check to the three winners. Mr. Murphy stated that media department of the winner's school will also receive a check.

**RECOGNITION**

**BIKE TO WORK WEEK IN THE CITY OF PIQUA**

Jim Hemmert, Chairperson of the Active Living Committee provided information on the Bike to Work Week May 13-17, 2013. Forty-one persons and eleven businesses participated in this event. Employees rode their bikes to and from work, or on their lunch hour totaling 740 miles. Chris Schmiesing, City Planner read the names of the various Businesses and individuals that took part in the Bike to Work Week and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to those present.

In addition, the winning large business was Miami Valley Steel Services, with eight employees who rode 177 miles, and the small business winner was Treon's Barber and Styling Shop with one employee who rode 104 miles. Both businesses were presented with the interactive "Silver Pedal Trophy" Award.

In 2015 the City of Piqua will be hosting the Cycling Summit, and at the 2013 Cycle Summit in Springfield recently Piqua was presented the "Traveling Handlebars".

## **REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of the minutes from the May 21, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

#### **RES. NO. R-83-13**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Donald Larger as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Donald Larger.

#### **RES. NO. R-84-13**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Bret Reid as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Bret Reid.

#### **RES. NO. R-85-13**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Steve Cantrell as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read and presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Police Chief Jamison.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ORD. NO. 7-13**

An Ordinance to authorize the annexation of contiguous territory owned by the Municipal Corporation and the State

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided a brief overview of the request for the annexation. Mr. Schmiesing stated the City of Piqua and State of Ohio own territory contiguous to the limits of the municipal corporation. This ordinance will authorize the filing of an annexation petition to annex City of Piqua and State of Ohio properties located near State Route 66 and Hardin Road. The City desires to annex the 40+ acre tract in anticipation of the construction of the new water treatment facility slated to begin construction in 2014.

#### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 7-13.

Ordinance No. 7-13 was given a first reading.

#### **ORD. NO. 8-13**

An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

Law Director Stacy Wall explained this is a routine housekeeping procedure that is done once a year after American Legal Publishing Corporation reviews and recommends the revision or addition of certain sections of the Code of Ordinances which are based on or make reference to the Ohio Code.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 8-13.

Ordinance No. 8-13 was given a first reading.

**RES. NO. R- 86-13**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Pohlkat Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 annually for removal and disposal of lime residual from the Lime Lagoon at the Water Plant for 2013-2015

Don Freisthler, Water Plant Superintendent, stated the amounts will vary each year depending on the amount of lime sludge we asked them to remove. At the current pricing \$31.40 per ton, they will be removing 1,500 dry tons of sludge from the old pit and 3,277 from the current lagoon. Through Pohlkat was not the lowest bidder for the three year contract, they were chosen to do the project for several reasons as stated by Mr. Freisthler. It was for the reasons stated the City decided to stay with Pohlkat, Inc. as they have always hauled the sludge in a timely manner to the satisfaction of the City, the farmers, and the site neighbors. The contract will begin on June 20, 2013 and run through December 31, 2015, stated Mr. Freisthler

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-86-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-86-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt. and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-86-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-87-13**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Southeastern Equipment Company, Inc. for the purchase of a backhoe for the Public Works Department

Brian Brookhart, Assistant Public Works Director provided information regarding the purchase of the new backhoe. The new backhoe will be used to do base repairs, Parks projects, and assist in the operation at the compost facility. The previous backhoe was traded towards the purchase of a new leaf machine. The backhoe will be ordered right away and delivery is expected within 30-90 days, stated Mr. Brookhart.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-87-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-87-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-87-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-88-13**

A Resolution fixing the time and place for a Public Hearing on the proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the Calendar Year 2014 and Draft Appropriation Ordinance.

City Manager Gary Huff explained Charter Section 49 requires the submission of the draft of an appropriation ordinance based upon the said budget. This resolution sets the Public Hearing on the proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the year 2014. The Public Hearing shall be held at the next regular City Commission Meeting on June 18, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at the Municipal Government Complex.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-88-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve Resolution No. R-88-13. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-88-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-89-13**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for the site selection, design, permitting, and construction engineering for a new 1.0 million gallon elevated water storage tower

Water Plant Superintendent, Don Freisthler stated currently there are two 250,000 gallon storage towers in the central pressure zone. These were built in 1951 and were designed for the needs at that time. This was prior to Piqua's growth and need to develop the three pressure zones.

Kris Ruggles of Strand Associates, Inc. came forward and provided additional information regarding the specifications for the new water tower at this time.

There was discussion concerning the number of gallons that would be stored in the water tower, the painting/branding that would be done on the new tower, the type of tower that will be installed, and the reason for the location.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-89-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-89-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-89-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-90-13**

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of a refuse packer truck for the Sanitation Department

Amy Welker, Director of Health & Sanitation explained the Sanitation Department utilizes a fleet of trucks to perform the daily functions of the department. This is a routine replacement of the oldest truck in the fleet at this time, which is a 2000 International 4900 truck, and McNeilus packer body that has over 100,000 miles on it. Trucks usually last between twelve and fifteen years. Bid requests were sent out in January of 2013, and eleven competitive bids were received, with Stoops Freightliner coming in as the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$125,586.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-90-13

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-90-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-90-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-91-13**

A Resolution awarding a contract to HD Supply Power Solutions for the purchase of material for the Power System

Nick Berger, Assistant Power System Director, stated on July 17, 2012 the Piqua City Commission approved Resolution No. R-106-12 which allowed the power system to acquire the services of Power System Engineering, Inc. (PSE) to perform an assessment of the transmission line between

substation 4 & 5. The assessment resulted in the need to replace thirty-two (32) main-line poles. On March 5, 2013, the City Commission approved Resolution R-30-13 awarding a contract to Bridgewell resources for the purchase of thirty-two steel transmission poles. On May 7, 2013 the City Commission approved Resolution R-71-13 acquiring the services of P & G Power as the contractor for the city to replace the thirty-two poles. On May 17, 2013 the Power System received bids from four different vendors to supply the additional material for the pole replacements. HD Supply Power Solutions provided the lowest and best bid and 10% was added for contingencies to allow for any unforeseen expenses.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-91-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-91-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-91-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-92-13**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Horton Emergency Vehicles Company for the purchase of a Medic for the Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Rindler provided information regarding the purchase of the new Medic stating the Fire Department attempted to save money on a lesser duty chassis/box (Medic 9) in 2007. But unfortunately the lesser duty chassis has not been able to handle the harsh work load for the call volume that the Piqua Fire Department experiences. Medic 9 has been out of service for a total of 31 days in the last 12 months for various mechanical break downs. Due to the aging fleet they are experiencing an increase in vehicle maintenance. With the purchase of this medic it will help to reduce the vehicle maintenance expenditures for 2013, stated Chief Rindler.

Several questions were raised concerning the trade-in value, and the reason for the large number of breakdowns. Chief Rindler answered all questions.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-92-13

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-92-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-92-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-93-13**

A Resolution authorizing the Law Director to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Miami County, Ohio for a change in the boundary lines of Washington Township

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner explained this resolution will authorize the filing of a petition to change the boundaries of Washington Township upon annexation of the City of Piqua and State of Ohio properties located near State Route 66 and Hardin Road. The annexation agreement executed between the City of Piqua and Washington Township requires those areas of Washington Township annexed into the municipal corporation limits to be excluded from the township boundaries, and the petition must be filed with the Miami County Board of Commissioners.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-93-13

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-93-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-93-13 adopted

**RES. NO. R-94-13**

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with Vestco, Ltd, in the amount of \$30,00 William Lutz, Development Program Manager explained in 2009 the City of Piqua received a \$90,000 grant from the United State Department of Agricultural to establish a revolving loan fund for economic development purposes. The Development Department received a request from Vestco, Ltd, a small business that provides home based skilled and non-skilled home health care for clients. The business has two existing locations in Montgomery County and is looking to open a new office in the northern Miami Valley area and have chosen Piqua. The company has a contract to purchase the property located at 423 N. Wayne Street, and funds from this loan will be used to rehabilitate the property in order to meet the needs of the business. The business pledges to create two jobs, which is a requirement for the loan program, stated Mr. Lutz. The loan will be for seven years at a three percent interest rate and will be secured by a mortgage on the property.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-94-13

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-94-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-94-13 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.

Jim Hemmert, Boone Street, Chairperson of the Active Living Committee came forward providing information on various events that will be coming up. They include: Pack the Path; the Bike Mob Ride held the second Saturday of every month; Mainstreet Piqua Cash Mob; and on Oct, 19<sup>th</sup>, the Groovy Gourd Bike Ride.

Mayor Fess stated she was pleased to see the wonderful group of citizens representing Piqua at the Cycling Summit in Springfield recently.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff announced Mainstreet Piqua will be hosting the Brown Bag Lunch Series beginning Thursday June 6, June 13, June 20, and June 27, 2013 in front of the Municipal Government Complex and invited citizens to come and enjoy the food and entertainment from 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

City Manager Huff announced the Site Technical Assistance for Municipal Projects Team (STAMP) for the National Brownfield Association will be in Piqua on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to assess the local Brownfield areas.

City Manager Huff announced the City Commission will hold a Work Session on Thursday June 13, at 7:30 P.M.

**Commissioners Comment**

Commissioner Wilson congratulated all of the city employees on their years of service to City of Piqua and the citizens. Commissioner Wilson also congratulated the three I Love Piqua Video Winners, further stating he is glad to see the young people getting involved with the community.

Commissioner Wilson announced the Bike Mob will take place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M meeting at Lock 9 Park.

Commissioner Terry congratulated the city employees on their retirement, and also congratulated the I Love Piqua Video winners.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Robby Bloom on obtaining his Eagle Scout Award recently.

Mayor Fess stated Robby Bloom did an outstanding job on the Heritage Green Park for his Eagle Scout project.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated all of the city employees on their retirement.

Commissioner Vogt thanked all who expressed their condolences in the passing of his wife Patty, further stating Piqua is a great place to live.

Mayor Fess stated the BMX Park on Covington Avenue will be opening soon. There are a lot of exciting things happening in the City of Piqua, and encouraged citizens to participate.

Mayor Fess asked that citizens keep Commissioner Vogt and Commissioner Martin in their thoughts and prayers in the loss of their loved ones.

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

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

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