

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday June 18, 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, Martin, and Wilson.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Special Presentation

City Manager Gary Huff asked Police Chief Bruce Jamison and his family to come forward. City Manager stated back in 1992 a young Police Officer was named Piqua Police Officer of the Year, and he was presented a plaque. Unfortunately Officer Jamison's name was misspelled on the plaque, and was never returned to him. City Manager Huff stated he found out about this recently and now twenty-one years later he would like to make sure the 1992 Police Officer of the Year receives his plaque. City Manager Huff presented the "1992 Police Officer of the Year Plaque" to Police Chief Jamison stating "it is a little late but congratulations". Police Chief Jamison thanked the City Manager and the City of Piqua for the plaque stating it was very much a surprise as he thought he would never see the plaque again.

PRESENTATION: ACTIVITY DAY AT FOUNTAIN PARK – NATHAN BURKHOLDER

Nathan was a summer intern last year working in the Administration Department, and this year he is working in the Public Works Department.

Nathan provided background on the Second Annual Piqua Activity Day held at Fountain Park. Nathan initiated the first Piqua Activity Day in 2012, and announced the 2nd Annual Piqua Activity Day will be held on July 20, 2013 at Fountain Park. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. with events starting at 10:00 A.M. through 1:30 P.M. Registration forms are available on the Piqua web site or the day of the event at the Park. Children from pre-school through sixth grade are welcome, there will be games appropriate for each age group, and snacks will be provided. Volunteers are needed and encouraged citizens to come out and volunteer their time. The Piqua Activity Day last year was a major stepping stone along with the City of Piqua's beautiful parks in helping Piqua gain National Recognition as being a Playful City USA Award winner, stated Mr. Burkholder.

Mayor Fess thanked Nate for taking the time to plan and supervise such a wonderful and exciting activity for the children of Piqua.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL GO SKATEBOARDING DAY – JUNE 21, 2013

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Park Board Chairman, Jim Cruse. Mr. Cruse provided a brief overview of the planned event. City Manager Huff stated this is a great opportunity to showcase the new Piqua Skateboard Park and appreciate the effort of the Park Board and the volunteers in planning this event.

Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-95-13

A Resolution accepting the resignation of Cheryl Burkhardt as a member of the Park Board

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 9-13 (1st reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 96 (Trees) of the Piqua Municipal Code

Bob Graeser, Project Manager, explained the original tree ordinance was passed in 1978 and has become outdated and is in need of updates. The Tree Committee provided input and the ordinance reflects the implementing of the best standards of Arboriculture practice within the public right-of-way and in public places, stated Mr. Graeser. This will improve the street trees and remove the hazard trees and make sure trees are being planted in areas that best suited for that type of tree.

Mayor Fess stated there is a lot of good information on the types of trees that should be planted in various places around the city.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 9-13.

Ordinance No. 9-13 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 7-13 (2nd Reading)

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

Bill Murphy, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager provided a brief overview of the request for the annexation. 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 second reading.

ORD. NO. 8-13 (2nd Reading)

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 second reading.

RES. NO. R- 96-13 (Public Hearing)

A Resolution accepting for statutory purposes a budget for the calendar year 2014

Finance Director Cindy Holtzapple stated the City is required to file an approved Resolution and County Tax Budget with the Miami County Budget Commission on or before July 20, 2013. This is the public hearing for the proposed budget.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-96-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-96-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-96-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-97-13

A Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant formula allocation program application for fiscal year 2013

Development Program Manager, Bill Lutz stated each year the City of Piqua receives an allocation from the Ohio Development Services Agency to implement local activities through the Community Development Block Grant program. The allocation for 2013 is only \$72,000 due to federal budget cuts, and is considerably less than the \$95,000 the city received in 2012. Projects were solicited from city staff and it was agreed that the project would be proposed for funding for repaving West High Street between Downing Street and College Street.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-97-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-97-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-97-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-98-13

A Resolution authorizing the City manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park, Hardman Field, and Hance Pavilion to the Piqua Fourth of July Association

Law Director Stacy Wall explained the reason for the lease of the City owned property to the Fourth of July Association. The Fourth of July Association must provide a significant insurance coverage in order to lease the city owned property.

There was discussion on the possibility of extending the lease for more than one year, but after discussion it was decided that the lease should be reviewed yearly.

Diane Miller, President of the Fourth of July Association came forward and gave a brief overview of the activities and the vendors that would be in attendance this year.

City Manager Huff stated there have not been any issues that he has been made aware of in the past. Mayor Fess thanked Ms. Miller and the rest of the Fourth of July Association members and volunteers for all the work they put into the celebration for all citizens to enjoy.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-98-13.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve Resolution No. R-98-13. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, Wilson and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-98-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-99-13

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into the LPA Federal Local-Let Project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure projects

City Engineer, Amy Havenar stated a Resolution was brought to the City Commission in February of 2012 to enter into an agreement with ODOT for this project as an ODOT Local Let project. The city has decided to take on this project as Local Let project, which means the City will be responsible for the plan reviews, bidding and construction administration. This new legislation reflects the change in the project designation to a Local Let project.

In May of 2012 the city was notified of the award of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant for the construction of infrastructure projects. The project will consist of infrastructure improvements around the Piqua Junior High School site, Washington Intermediate School site, and the Wilder Intermediate School site. The improvements will consist of the installation of new pavement markings and signage, installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, replacement of damaged sidewalk and curbs, construction of a multi-use path to the Junior High School from Looney Road and various other miscellaneous projects.

There was discussion on some of curb bump-outs, and when the project would begin.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-99-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-99-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-99-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-100-13

A Resolution awarding a contract to Christy Construction for the 2013 sidewalk ADA Compliance Program

City Engineer, Amy Havenar stated on Juke 7, 2013 three bids were received for the 2013 Sidewalk, ADA Compliance Program. The work will consist of the installation of concrete curbing, sidewalk, and truncated dome pavers at the radii and other miscellaneous locations along the streets to be resurfaced as part of the 2013 Street Resurfacing Program.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-100-13

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-100-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-100-13 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

Economic Development Update – Mr. Bill Murphy

Economic Development Director/Assistant City manager Bill Murphy provided a brief update on the Economic Development activities for 2013.

Commissioners Comment

Commissioner Vogt stated it is summer time and time to remember the City Parks and to get out and enjoy them. On July 20th, 2013 the City of Piqua Car Show will be held at Fountain Park. The entertainment this year will be the Van Dells with the show beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Hance Pavilion, presale tickets will be available on July 1, 2013 for \$5.00 each for non-car show members. Proceeds from this year's car show will go to the Rehabilitation of the Pitsenbarger Sports Complex, stated Commissioner Vogt. City Manager Huff stated Commissioner Vogt has done a tremendous job on promoting the car show.

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizen to send in their donations to the Friends of the Parks. Commissioner Vogt also explained the Coco Cola Company will be giving several donations to city Parks and Piqua would like to be one of the winners of the funds. Citizens can go on line and vote as many times as they like at Take it to the Park.com. Information is also posted on the city web site, so take a minute and vote for Pitsenbarger Park.

Commissioner Terry inquired as to when the Garbry Road Bridge Project would be completed. City Engineer Amy Havenar stated the project should be completed in the fall of 2013.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens of several events. The Piqua Arts Council recently sponsored the Kettering Banjo Society on June 14th which was very well attended, the Brown Bag Lunch series will be held on Thursday June 20th, and the Civic Band will hold four consecutive evening concerts on Thursday evenings. Commissioner Terry stated the downtown planters are beautiful but reminded citizens not to use them for trash receptacles. Please send your votes in to Take it to the Park.com help Piqua win the much needed money for Pitsenbarger Park. This is an easy way to help support even if you can't make a donation.

Commissioner Wilson provided statistics on recycling in 2011 and 2012, stating there are still a lot of citizens that do not recycle, and encouraged citizens to recycle. Recycling bins can be picked up in the Utility and Health Departments.

Commissioner Wilson reminded citizens to attend the Open House at the Piqua Community Gardens on Saturday, June 22, 2013 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Wilson also encouraged citizens to visit the new Skateboard Park and see all the activities going on there.

Mayor Fess stated she attended the Industrial Spring Ribbon Cutting on Country Club recently, further stating they are very happy to be in Piqua, and plan to expand within the next three years.

Mayor Fess announced Industry Products received the Supplier Award from Honda and congratulated them.

Commissioner Vogt inquired about the missing American flags from the poles along Ash Street. City Manager Huff stated they have either been damaged or blown down.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:30 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION