

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday JULY 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 Terry, Vogt, and Martin.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to excuse Commissioner Wilson from the July 2, 2013 Regular City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None.

**GOVERNMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES**

VIOLA AULT	ALEX BARLAGE	WILLIAM CARTER
JIM CHRISMAN	JESSE DOTSON	RALPH GREEN
JEAN HALE	KAZY HINDS	KRISTEN JONES
TED JONES	MIKE McGONAGLE	CATHY ODA
TRACY QUINTER	RALPH QUINTER	JUANITA VENTURA

Mayor Fess read the names of the Academy Graduates while Program Manager Bill Lutz presented them with a Certificate.

City Manager Huff thanked Bill Lutz for all of his work with the Citizens Government Academy.

Several of the graduates made comments regarding the Citizens Academy, and the professionalism and dedication of the city employees. All were very thankful for the opportunity to be able to participate in the academy.

Program Manager Bill Lutz stated the next Citizen Government Academy will begin in August and encouraged citizens to sign up.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

**ORD. NO. 7-13** (3rd 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 stated this is the third reading 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.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 7-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 7-13 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 8-13** (3rd Reading)

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

Law Director Stacy Wall stated this is the third reading of the 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 Revised Code.

**Public Comment**

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

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 8-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 8-13 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 9-13** (2nd Reading)

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

City Engineer Amy Havenar stated 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. Greaser. This will improve the street trees and remove the hazard trees, and make sure trees are being planted in areas that are best suited for that type of tree.

**Public Comment**

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

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

**New Business**

**RES. NO. R- 101-13**

A Resolution Adopting the Electric Fund Balance Guidelines

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger provided a brief history on the power plant stating in May of 2010 the Piqua Energy Board adopted the Electric Fund Balance Guidelines that specified minimum and ideal cash reserve levels. Power System cash reserves have not fallen below the specified minimum levels since the Energy Board adopted the guidelines, stated Mr. Krieger.

In May of 2012 AMP changed the adoption of a Cash Reserve Policy by City Commission from a bonus to a required element of the annual Credit Scoring process. As a result, the Piqua Energy Board members are recommending the Piqua's June 2013 Electric Fund Balance Guideline be formally adopted by the City Commission. Formal adoption of these guidelines by the City Commission will enhance the long-term financial stability of the Power System, improve Piqua's AMP annual credit score, and serve to ultimately provide lower power cost for Piqua customer, stated Mr. Krieger.

Mayor Fess stated they appreciate the job the Power System is doing by0 keeping the citizens electric rates low.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-101-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-101-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-101-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-102-13**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Homrich, Inc. for Environmental Remediation, Demolition and Construction activities at the Piqua Municipal Power Plant

Power Systems Director Ed Krieger stated in late 2011 the Board of County Commissioners of Miami County received a \$1,404,363 grant to remediate, demolish structures, and develop a new park behind the City's Power Plant at 919 S. Main Street. The County submitted the application on behalf of the City of Piqua since the City could not legally apply for the grant; therefore the City and the County are working cooperatively on the project.

Qualification statements were requested from firms for the Certified Professional Services required by the grant. Brownfield Restoration Group, LLC was selected to provide these services, and SSOE Group was commissioned to provide engineering services required for completion of the project, including the development of bid specifications and documents. On June 21, bids for the project were received and Homrich, Inc. of Carleton, Michigan was awarded the contract for the environmental remediation, demolition and construction activities, stated Mr. Krieger.

Mayor complemented Bill Lutz for all the great work he does in writing grants for the City.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-102-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-102-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-102-13 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.

Brad Boehringer, Mound St. came forward and congratulated the Government Academy stating he was a member the first Government Academy class.

Mr. Boehringer also thanked the City for initiating the new Volunteer Park Ranger Program, as he is a member.

Mr. Boehringer asked if the city could adopt a standard for adopting the Code Changes so it would not have to come before City Commission each year. Law Director Stacy wall explained.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff announced the Volunteer Park Ranger Program and provided a brief explanation on the program activities.

City Manager Huff announced the addition of the new Picklelball Courts at Mote Park. The current old tennis courts are being rebuilt to be used for Pickelball.

City Manager Huff also announce in conjunction with the Piqua Arts Council in providing Living Art, the wood fences at Pitsenbarger Park will be painted by area students. In addition to the painting of the fences, we will be painting the city's snow plows with cartoon characters by the youth to involve the community in the Arts programs, stated City Manager Huff.

**Commissioners Comment**

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the Government Academy graduates. Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual City Car Show will be held at Fountain Park on July 20, 2013. Tickets are available for the Van Dells show for \$5.00 each, and are available at the City Manager Office.

Commissioner Martin stated he attended the June 21, 2013 Go Skateboarding Day, and was amazed at the talent the youth of Piqua have, and some of the things they can do on the skateboards. It was very well attended, and hopes to have more youth and activities next year.

Commissioner Martin also congratulated the Government Academy graduates, stating now they have all that knowledge they can put it to use by volunteering on the various City Boards and Committees.

Commission Terry also congratulated the Government Academy graduates, further stating they learned something that we already know, our city employees are fantastic, and are always willing to go above and beyond at all times. Commissioner Terry further stated she is glad to see the Government Academy graduates appreciate the city employees as much as the Commission does.

Commissioner Terry inquired about the Pot Hole Program and when it would begin. City Manager Huff gave a brief overview of the program.

Commissioner Terry asked the status of the old Hospital Property on Park Avenue. City Manager Huff provided a brief update on the project.

Mayor Fess announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Activity Day in the Park will take place on Saturday July, 20, from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. and encouraged children to come out and enjoy the activities. This is one of the requirements to be certified as a Playful City USA City. Nathan Burkholder put together this program last year while working as a summer intern, and will be back again this year to oversee the program, stated Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess stated she wanted to correct something she stated in the Mayor's Report. The Activity Day is scheduled for July 20, 2013 at Fountain Park, not July 4<sup>th</sup> as she had stated in the Mayor's Report.

City Manager Huff reminded citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration activities on July 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M. at Fountain Park, and encouraged citizens to come out and support the activities.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:15 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

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