

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday JULY 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. Mayor Fess called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin.

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS

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| Kathleen & Scott Hildebrand | 722 Caldwell |
| Connie & Bob Hines | 1312 Brook Street |
| Linda & Jack Littleton | 1302 Washington Avenue |
| Holly & Jason Pierce | 651 Boone Street |
| Judy & Norm Seipel | 222 E. Garnsey Street |

Mayor Fess read the names of the Residence Pride Award winners as photos of their homes were shown. Mayor Fess congratulated all of the Residence Pride Award winners and thanked them for taking such good care of their properties.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

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

RES. NO. R-103-13

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-103-13 appoints Kazy Hinds to the Park Board.

RES. NO. R-104-13

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-104-13 appoints Kimberly Ojeda to the Park Board.

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

Old Business

ORD. NO. 9-13 (3rd Reading)

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

Bob Graeser stated the original tree ordinance was passed in 1978 and has become outdated and is in need of updates.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.

There was discussion of the placement of new trees, and when trees are to be removed who is responsible for the removal if in the tree lawn or on private property. Law Director Stacy Wall explained the procedure for removal of trees. It was noted trees that are being removed are not being replaced at this time, and property owners will be notified if trees on their property need to be removed.

Public Comment

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

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 9-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 9-13 adopted.

New Business

RES. NO. R- 105-13

A Resolution to accept the recommended zoning designation concerning the petition for annexation of 45.503+/- acres from Washington Township

Economic Development Director Bill Murphy provided the staff report. This property is located at the intersection of SR 66 and Hardin Road. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended the OS (Open Space) designation upon annexation. This is consistent with the Plan It Piqua Comprehensive Plan. The new Water Plant will constitute as a special use in the OS Open Space zoning designation and explained.

There was discussion on the zoning designation, and why it was designated as OS Open Space.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-105-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-105-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-105-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-106-13

A Resolution awarding a contract to Walls Bros. Asphalt for the 2013 street resurfacing program

City Engineer Amy Havenar provided the staff report. On July 3, 2013 two bids were received for the 2013 Street Resurfacing Program. The streets include this year are: Wayne Street from Water Street to North Street, North Street from Wayne Street to Spring Street, Greene Street from Wayne Street to Downing Street, High Street from Wayne Street to Spring Street, Market Street from Wayne Street to Main Street, Wood Street from Covington Ave. to College Street, Gordon Street from Covington Ave. to Young Street, Garfield Street from McKinley Ave. to Beverly Drive, Beverly Drive from Grant Street to Margene Dr, and Margene Drive from Sunset Drive to Edge Street.

The resurfacing project will consist of profile milling and overlaying of the roadway with new asphalt surface. The project will also include the placement of all new pavement markings within the project limits. The cost of the project including contingencies is \$385,000, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-106-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-106-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-106-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-107-13

A Resolution amending the agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the College Street Corridor Traffic Signal Project

City Engineer Amy Havenar provided the staff report. On May 21, 2013 the City Commission passed Resolution R-80-13 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the College Street Corridor Traffic Signal Project in the amount not to exceed \$67,000.00.

Since that time, bids have been received and if the City would choose to accept all of the alternate bid items, the City would owe an additional \$24,928.20. These alternate bid items consist of the decorative mast arms versus the standard steel mast arms, and the brand of pedestrian push button, preemption equipment, and video detection system that we currently utilize at the other intersections throughout the City. In talking to Power Distribution, who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the traffic signals, they indicated that they would like to keep all of our equipment the same at the signals throughout the City for ease of maintenance and for finding parts. Therefore, it would be a benefit to the City to accept the alternate bids for this project.

There was discussion regarding the plans, changing the style of the signal poles to decorative mast arms, the reason for the added cost, and the reason for using the video cameras at the signals to control the signals.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-107-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-107-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: Martin. Motion carried 4-1. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-107-13 adopted by a 4-1 vote.

RES. NO. R-108-13

A Resolution requesting final legislation to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the US 36 Beautification Project

City Engineer Amy Havenar provided the staff report. The City received funding from the Federal Highway Administration through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for 60% of the projected costs of the improvements. The bids are out now and are due in at the end of July with an anticipated start date of the first of September with completion by the end of December. There was concern about the plants surviving being planted so late. Ms. Havenar stated the plants are certified just for that reason.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-108-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-108-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-108-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-109-13

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Valley Ford Truck, Inc., Henderson Truck Equipment & Kalida Truck Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of two dump trucks with snow plows for the Public Works Department

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Supervisor provided the staff report. Mr. Brookhart stated the Public Works Department would like to purchase two 2013 F-550 Ford dump trucks with snow plows to be used for street and park maintenance and snow removal. The new trucks will allow for two older trucks to be moved to other functions. The two new trucks will be equipped with stainless steel dump bodies, and snow blades. There was a question concerning the stainless steel beds holding up with all of the salt use. Mr. Brookhart stated the stainless steel beds will hold up very well with the salt usage.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-109-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-109-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-109-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-110-13

A Resolution authorizing the donation of a 1.467 acre parcel of land being part of Outlots 92 and 93, Outlot 327 and subject to the Canal Land Lease to the Piqua Improvement Corporation

Economic Development Director Bill Murphy provided the staff report. In 2011, the City of Piqua worked with the Board of Commissioners of Miami County to work on a grant application to remediate, demolish and redevelop a 1.467 acre parcel behind the Piqua Municipal Power Plant. The Ohio Development Services Agency informed the City of Piqua that as a condition of the grant funding the City must transfer the property to the Piqua Improvement Corporation as it is a chartered Community Improvement Corporation, chartered under the Ohio revised Cods and is eligible to receive the land for the project. At the conclusion of the project the land will be transferred back to the City of Piqua. Mr. Murphy provided a timeline for the project and answered questions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-110-13.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-110-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-110-13 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.

Ruth Hahn, stated she and the late Gloria Hufford started the Nicholas School and Rehabilitation Center over 41 years ago and provided a brief overview of the programs offered. Ms. Hahn is eighty-eight years old and has written a book about the Rehabilitation Center and all of the people they have helped over the years. Ms. Hahn will be having several book signings in the next few months with the first being July 25th at Readmore Hallmark, and would like to sell 20,000 books. All proceeds from the book will go to the Rehabilitation Center, and they hope to pay off the remaining mortgage, stated Ms. Hahn.

Mayor Fess congratulated Ms. Hahn on her book and stated without her hard work and dedication the Nicholas School and Rehabilitation Center would not be what it is today, and they would not have provided the much needed services to so many children and adults over the years.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff announced the Piqua will be very busy place this week and weekend with all of the activities being held. Activities include, the Farmers Market on Thursday, July 18, the Hovercraft Races at the East Main Street Bridge Friday-Sunday, July 19-21, the 2nd Annual Piqua Activity Day at Fountain Park on Saturday, July 20, and the 7th Annual Piqua Car Show also at Fountain Park on Saturday July 20, concluding with the Van Dells Concert at 7:00 P.M. in the Hance Pavilion. There is a lot to see and do in Piqua this week and weekend, stated City Manager Huff.

Commissioners Comment

Commissioner Wilson thanked Ms. Hahn for all of her work with the Rehabilitation Center, and for taking the time to write the book. Commissioner Wilson reminded citizens that The Great Miami River Cleanup will also take place on Saturday July 20. Commissioner Wilson thanked Commissioner Vogt for all of his hard work on putting together the 7th Annual Piqua Car Show.

Commissioner Terry reminded citizens of the last Civic band Concert to be held on Thursday July 18 in the Hance Pavilion. Commissioner Terry congratulated all of the Residence Pride Award winners, and stated she is looking forward to Ms. Hahn's book.

Commissioner Vogt inquired as to the price of Ms. Hahn's book. Ms. Hahn stated the fee is \$18.95.

Commissioner Vogt provided a brief overview of the upcoming 7th Annual Piqua Car Show to be held at Fountain Park on Saturday, July 20th. The Van Dell's will be performing at 7:00 P.M. in the Hance Pavilion and tickets are \$5.00 each available at the City Manager's Office, and at the Park the day of the car show. Commissioner Vogt stated event t-shirts will also available at the Park for \$10.00 each, and thanked Bill Coomer/ Aesthetic Finishers for donating the t-shirts to sell.

Commissioner Vogt stated Piqua has a lot to offer and to come out and enjoy all of the activities.

Mayor Fess stated there is a lot of exciting things happening in Piqua and encouraged citizens to come out and enjoy all the various 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, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION