

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday September 3, 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.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**PROCLAMATION: OHIO VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE: FEED OHIO 2013**

Mayor Fess read the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF PIQUA-**

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Bruce Jamison. Law Director Stacy Wall stated that the Ohio Governor's office has also signed a State Preparedness Proclamation and further information is available on the State website.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval of the minutes from the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Piqua City Commission Work Session and the August 20, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

**RES. NO. R-115-13**

A Resolution of appreciation for the Public Service of Kevin Grogean as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Mr. Grogean, thanking him for his 26 years of service to the City of Piqua. Mr. Grogean thanked the City of Piqua for providing him with the opportunity to work in various positions within the city. Mr. Grogean further stated while he was working he noticed litter being left around the city. Mr. Grogean asked the citizens to take pride in the city and pick up litter and dispose of it properly to keep the City of Piqua beautiful.

**RES. NO. R-116-13**

A Resolution of appreciation for the Public Service of Wil Benson as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Mr. Benson, thanking him for his 19 years of service as a Police Officer with the City of Piqua. Mr. Benson thanked the city for the years of support to the Police Officers.

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

**Old Business**

**ORD. NO. 10-13** (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance to levy Special Assessments to pay for the cost of nuisance abatement assessments

Amy Welker, Health & Sanitation Director stated this is the third reading of the Ordinance to levy Special Assessments to pay for the cost of nuisance abatement assessments. These charges will go to the Auditor on September 9, 2013. The city takes care of high grass, property maintenance and demolition of properties as needed and bills the property owner, stated Ms. Welker.

A question was raised concerning the fees that are assessed to a property owner when the owner is deceased, and how the fees are collected. Ms. Welker explained.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 10-13.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. R-10-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 10-13 adopted.

### **ORD. NO. 11-13** (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance to levy Special Assessments to pay the cost of Demolition Assessments per terms of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Agreement

City Manager Gary Huff stated this is the third reading on this Ordinance to levy Special Assessments to pay the costs of Demolition Assessments per the terms of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Agreement with the Miami County Board of Commissioners for the demolition of residential structures in the City of Piqua. The terms of this agreement were that the City would demolish up to ten houses and assess one-half of the demolition costs to the property owners.

A question was raised if the property owner had a choice to turn over the property to the city, Ms. Welker explained.

Mayor Fess inquired about the status of the demolition of the property located at 650 Wood Street. City Manager Huff stated the Demolition Permit has been issued and the demolition will take place in the near future.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 11-13.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Ordinance No. 11-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 11-13 adopted.

### **New Business**

#### **RES. NO. R- 117-13**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the ARCADIS U.S., Inc. for professional engineering services as related to the Miami River Interceptor Siphon Line improvements.

Todd Brandenburg, Underground Utilities Superintendent, stated as a critical element of the Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan of April 2013 performed by CDM Smith, it is recommended by the Underground Utilities Department, that the Great Miami River Siphon Line be augmented by an additional 16" siphon line as stated in Section 8.1 Capital Improvement Plan-Phase 1. This is a necessary improvement as it is vital to the City's efforts in eliminating the current Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) located on the west side of the Great Miami River. This improvement will allow for greater flow rates to be conveyed to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for equalization and treatment, thus reducing the risk of creating an SSO event, stated Mr. Brandenburg.

After careful review by City Staff of the eight responses received from the Request For Qualifications sent out in January 2013, ARCADIS U.S. was chosen based upon the firm's experience with similar successful projects along with their environmental compliance and permitting qualifications stated Mr. Brandenburg.

Allen Aspacher and Matt Boone representatives from ARCADIS came forward and provided a brief overview of the project. Mr. Aspacher stated they are very pleased to be working with the City of Piqua, and with Mr. Brandenburg and Mr. Burtner.

Several questions were asked regarding the SSO, and if the new line would prevent any overflow, and the reason for the use of the 16' line at this time.

Mr. Brandenburg explained the safety issues regarding the SSO, and the reason for the use of the 16' line at this time.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-117-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-117-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-117-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-118-13**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Finrock Construction Co, Inc. for construction of the Ellerman, Fisher, Grant, and Downing Water Distribution Improvements

Todd Brandenburg, Underground Utilities Superintendent, stated that multiple areas within the City of Piqua Water Distribution System currently served through 2" galvanized piping be improved with a water main replacement of 8" ductile iron pipe. This is a necessary improvement that is vital to the City's efforts in providing high quality drinking water to our customers along with assistance in eliminating disinfection by-products that form in the City's water distribution network. The following areas of known pipe deficiencies are: Fisher Drive, Grant & Ellerman, Grant and Downing Streets.

Bid requests were sent out on August 7, and again on August 12, 2013. On August 26 the three bids were opened and analyzed by City staff, and Finrock Construction Co, Inc. was the lowest and best bid for this project. Construction of this project will begin as soon as possible with completion scheduled for 180 calendar days from the notice to precede, stated Mr. Brandenburg.

Several questions were raised on why they were not using PVC pipe, and what type of problems would arise if they used the PVC pipe. Mr. Brandenburg explained.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-118-13.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No R-118-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-118-13 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Lange, N. St. Rt. 66, came forward and thanked the City of Piqua for the proclamation he received at the last City Commission Meeting in regards to the leadership he provides to the Great Miami River Cleanup. Mr. Lange read a list of the sponsors and thanked them along with all of the Many volunteers who make the river sweep a success each year. Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Lange and all the volunteers who work so hard to keep our waterways clean.

**City Manager's Report – ReDO Piqua Update – Chris Schmiesing-City Planner**

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing provided a brief update on the various projects and they include:

- Former Piqua Memorial Medical Center Site on Park Avenue
- North County Road 25A Corridor Project
- South Main Street Corridor Project
- East Ash Street Corridor Project
- Downtown Riverfront District Project

Police Chief Bruce Jamison provided information regarding telephone and computer scams that have been occurring frequently in the City of Piqua. Chief Jamison stated all types of scams should be reported to either the Police Department or the Attorney General's Office.

City Manager Huff stated he received a telephone scam here at the City Manager's Office recently. This goes to show you they are not picky on who they contact. City Manager Huff stated he told the caller he would put them in contact with the Chief of Police who handles the information they were asking for needless to say they hung up very quickly. Mayor Fess stated she too has received a telephone scam call regarding a relative in trouble and needing money sent to help them. Chief Jamison stated he wanted to make citizens aware of these types of scams, and not to ever provide personal information or send money to anyone over the phone.

City Manager Huff announced the new Little Clinic in the Kroger Store on Covington Avenue will hold their Grand Opening on Friday, September 6, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. Mayor Fess stated a Nurse Practitioner will be on staff daily, and they will honor most insurance plans. This will be a great help to the overcrowding in the emergency rooms, stated Mayor Fess.

City Manager Huff announced Mulligan's Pub has closed on a short term basis, and will reopen in the near future.

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Vogt stated the Heritage Festival had a good turnout this year, and thanked the many volunteers for making it a success, and all who supported it.

Commissioner Martin congratulated Mr. Grogean and Mr. Benson on their years of service to the City of Piqua. Commissioner Martin stated he also attended the Heritage Festival and thanked all who volunteered and supported it.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Mr. Grogean and Mr. Benson on their years of service to the City of Piqua. Commissioner Terry also thanked all who volunteered, attended, and supported the Heritage Festival. Commissioner Terry stated litter affects all of the citizens of Piqua, and asked when someone sees litter to please take the time to pick it up and properly dispose of it.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Mr. Grogean and Mr. Benson on their retirement, and also thanked all of the volunteers who worked, and the citizens who supported the Heritage Festival.

Mayor Fess congratulated Mr. Grogean and Mr. Benson on their years of service to the citizens and the City of Piqua. Mayor Fess thanked all of the volunteers and the supporters of the Heritage Festival.

Mayor Fess stated she spoke to Troy Mayor Mike Bemish about the Mumford and Son's Concert held recently. Mayor Bemish indicated it was a huge success and very well attended. The large crowds were very respectful of the venue, and the City of Piqua also received some of the revenue through the hotels, restaurants and retail stores. Mayor Fess congratulated the City of Troy on their successful event.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting at 8:35 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

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