

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, November 5, 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.

Mayor Fess welcomed students from Piqua Police Officer Chris Lee's Interrogation class from Edison Community College.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the October 10, 2013 Commission Work Session.

Approval of the minutes from the October 15, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adopt the minutes of the October 10, 2013 City Commission Work Session, and the October 15, 2013 City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

**ORD. NO. 15-13** (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Public Right-of-Way

Economic development Director/Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy explained the applicant desires to vacate a platted portion of Hardin Road Alternate (Old State Route 66) right of way between Hardin Road and State Route 66. The right of way is located within the boundaries of the new water treatment plant construction site.

A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission to review the request and receive public comments. No one came forward representing the public to speak for or against vacation, and upon review the Planning Commission recommended approval of this vacation.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 15-13.

After a brief discussion Ordinance No. 15-13 was given a second reading.

**RES. NO. R- 131-13**

A Resolution authorizing the City of Piqua to apply for grant funding from Local Government Innovation Fund for a feasibility study to determine the suitability of establishing a Joint Use Facility

City Manager Gary Huff stated in 2012 the State of Ohio introduced the Local Government Innovation Fund to provide loans and grants to local governments to encourage collaborative efforts and pursue innovative practices. It was determined that the program would be an appropriate use of funds to request a grant for a feasibility study for a shared services facility.

The facility would be used to share a fleet management and repair facility with other local government agencies which include: Piqua City School District, Ohio Department of Transportation-District VII, Miami East Local School District, and the Covington Exempted Village School District. The funding would pay for the feasibility study to determine if cost savings can be had from all Participants by having shared fleet management service, said City Manager Huff.

Several questions were raised including why the first grant application was turned down, whether existing buildings were considered, if salt would be stored at the facility, and how would it be managed. City Manager Huff answered all of the questions.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-131-13.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-131-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-131-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-132-13**

A Resolution of Authorizing the City Manager to contract with the Miami County Public Defender Commission

Law Director Stacy Wall explained this is a renewal of the annual contract with the Miami County Public Defender Commission with no increase in fees for the year 2014 in the amount of \$20,341.13. This contract provides for two Public Defenders, stated Ms. Wall.

**Public comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-132-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-132-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-132-13 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-133-13**

A Resolution acquiring the services of Vaughn Industries, LLC for the Power System

Nick Berger, Assistant Power Systems Director stated in 2012 the power system performed an assessment of the transmission line between substation 4 and 5, the assessment resulted in the need to replace thirty-two (32) main-line poles. On April 16, 2013 bids were received from nine different construction contractors. It was determined that P & G Power, LLC provided the lowest and best bid to complete the 69KkV Transmission Line Hardening Project. But on October 11, 2013 the power system terminated the contract with P & G Power, LLC. P & G Power completed 16 of the 32 pole replacements before the contract was terminated. The next lowest bidder was Vaughn Industries, LLC. The Power System has used Vaughn Industries, on past projects. A December 9<sup>th</sup> is a tentative start date to complete the project, said Mr. Berger.

**Public comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-132-13.

Several questions were raised concerning the reason for dismissing P & G Power LLC, and the amount of money paid to them previously for the work they completed.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-133-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-133-13 adopted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public came forward to speak at this time.

## **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff stated he had several items he wanted to share.

Saturday, November 9, at 9:00 A.M. the 5 K Walk to benefit the Wounded Warriors will take place at Echo Hills Course. There is a \$20.00 entry fee to participate but you will receive a free t-shirt.

In the process of installing a television monitor in the utility billing office area that will provide continual information about city updates, events and activities. This should be a good way to get more information out about the city.

The 2014 Budget Meetings will take place on Thursday November 14, and Thursday November 21

Several New Businesses have opened or will be opening soon in the City of Piqua. They include:

KEC America, 229 Staunton Street  
Scotts Steel LLC, 125 Bridge Street  
Cabinets and More, 411 N. Main Street  
Can't Stop Running, 321 N. Main Street  
311 Draft House, 311 N. Main Street  
Mulligans, on the Square will reopen on November 21

Last week the City had a Citywide Water Boil Notification and during this realized there was not a current 911 reverse call system. As a result the city is in discussion with the Miami County Communications Center to see if it would be possible to use their Hyper Link System for such emergencies that would require telephone call notifications. This would be of no cost to the city, and also reminded citizens the City still has the Piqua Alert that citizens can sign up for email notifications. The one call system was also reviewed, but is quite expensive stated City Manager Huff.

City employees were thanked who contributed to the Piqua Compassion Network 2013 Light of Christmas Program. Donations were accepted to purchase a decorated wreath or Christmas tree that will be on sold and on display November 8-15 at the Miami Valley Mall, with proceeds going to help those with needs in the Piqua Community. City employees donated \$200 toward the purchase of a decorated wreath and a gift basket.

City employees also donated to the Piqua City School Back Pack Program by donating non-perishable items to be put in back packs for high school students to take home so they have food over the weekend. Also a big thank you was given to Commissioner Vogt for donating the back packs for the program. This was quite a tremendous effort by the city employees and Commissioner Vogt, stated City Manager Huff.

## **Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Terry stated she received a telephone concerning residents blowing grass clippings back out in the street, and reminded citizens to blow the grass clippings back into their yards and not into the street.

Commissioner Martin asked if the Piqua Alert system would be able to send text messages to citizens? City Manager Huff stated no, but the Hyper Link will be able to do that. The Piqua Alert is only designed for emails, stated City Manager Huff. The Hyper Link notification system will be good for the senior citizens, stated Mayor Fess.

Commissioner Vogt stated he wanted to clarify the back packs were given to him by Bridgestone Tire Company to be used at the City Car Show, and he donated the remaining ones to the Back Pack Program.

Mayor Fess stated she is very happy to see all of the new businesses opening in the City of Piqua soon.

Mayor Fess also stated the Piqua Rotary Club held their annual Election Day Dinner, but this year they changed the menu and provided chicken dinners instead of fish. Piqua Law Director Stacy Wall was responsible for making the change from fish to chicken, and overseeing the dinner. Ms. Wall provided additional information on the dinner, what the Rotary Club is, and some of the programs they provide to the community. All the money raised by the Rotary Club always goes back into the Community, stated Ms. Wall.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 7:55 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

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