

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 19, 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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the November 5, 2013 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adopt the minutes of the November 5, 2013 City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

ORD. NO. 15-13 (3rd Reading)

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

Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy stated this is the third reading of Ordinance No. 15-13. 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 construction site for the new water treatment plant.

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 to the City Commission.

Public Comment

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

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 15-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. R-15-13 adopted.

New Business

ORD. NO. 16-13

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2014

Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Cynthia Holtzapple stated the City is required to present and pass the 2014 Annual Budget by the end of the 2013 year. This is the first reading of Ordinance No. 16-13 with the Commission reviewing the Department Budgets on November 14 and November 21.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 16-13.

Ordinance No. 16-13 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 17-13

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Cynthia Holtzapple stated the State of Ohio will increase the minimum wage effective January 1, 2014 from \$7.85 per hour to \$7.95 per hour. The wages on Schedule A-1 have been changed to reflect this increase. This is the only change that was made to Schedule A-1, said Ms. Holtzapple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 17-13.

Ordinance No. 17-13 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R- 134-13

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with O.R. Colan Associates for the right-of-way acquisition services for the County Road 25-A Phase III Reconstruction Project.

City Engineer Amy Havenar stated the project limits are from Looney Road to east of Indian Ridge Drive. The project will consist of widening the roadway to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane, new curb and gutter, installation of a multi-use path, construction of a new storm sewer, and upgrading of other utilities where necessary. There are nine parcels that the City will be negotiating with regarding right-of-way acquisition as part of the project, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

Michael Sloan, 2941 Delaware, came forward and asked if the work that is currently being done on 25-A is what they are asking approval for at this time.

Ms. Havenar explained the work that is currently being done is Phase II of the project, and Resolution No. R-134-13 is asking for funding to continue the work on Phase III.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-134-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-134-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-135-13

A Resolution authorizing purchase orders to Chemical Services Inc., Huron Lime, Inc., F2 Industries, and Univar USA Inc. for the 2014 purchase of various Water Treatment Chemicals

Don Freisthler, Water Plant Superintendent stated bids were accepted on November 7, 2013 with 16 bids received. The best and lowest bids are being recommended for award. There were a few vendors that did not meet our specifications. The plan is to also purchase Liquid Chlorine, Hydrofluosilicic Acid, and Liquid Carbon Dioxide this year using the SWOP4G bid cooperative purchasing discount, with the bids being awarded to the lowest bidder, stated Mr. Freisthler.

Public comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-135-13.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-135-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-135-13 adopted.

RES. NO. R-136-13

A Resolution approving the purchase of Excess Liability Insurance

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the staff report stating excess liability insurance covers the City's dams for its lakes and canal, pollution and claims arising out of an injury or property damage as a result of an exercise of its emergency assistance agreements with other communities specifically related to power. Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited (AEGIS) has provided excess liability coverage to the City for its dams and power utility for over twenty years.

Public comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-136-13.

Several questions were raised concerning the reason for the increase in premium, and if AEGIS was the only insurance company to cover this type of policy? Ms. Wall explained.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-136-13 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-136-13 adopted.

OTHER

Monthly Reports – September 2013

Monthly Reports were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

City Manager's Report

Economic Development Update – Bill Murphy

Economic Development/Assistant City Manager Bill Murphy provided a brief update on Economic Development within the last few months.

Mr. Murphy announced Mulligan's Pub would have a soft reopening on Thursday, November 21, and will have a limited pub menu and be offering specials for dinner on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

City Manager Huff stated he wanted to commend the City Staff for their preparation and readiness related to the severe weather threat on Sunday, November 17. City staff was on standby ready to go, and fortunately the weather was not as severe as anticipated.

City Manager Huff stated the Upper Valley Career Center will be helping with the removal of eighteen trees over a four day period at the Municipal Golf Course.

City Manager Huff stated the City hosted the Miami Valley Regional Partnership Strong Town Seminar on Tuesday November 19, 2013 at the Plaza, and had a great turnout. The attendees were from all over the area, and further stating they were very impressed with the Fort Piqua Plaza and the City of Piqua.

City Manager Huff stated there are several Board openings and they include:

- 1 Community Diversity Committee
- 1 Income Tax Board
- 1 Park Board
- 1 Storm Water Utility Board
- 1 Energy Board

Commissioners Comments

Mayor Fess announced the Friends of the Piqua Public Library will be hosting a Holiday Cabaret on December 8, 2013 in the Fort Piqua Plaza Grand Ballroom. Some of Piqua's brightest stars will be Performing. They include: David Broerman, Lisa Clark, Summer Littlejohn, Sam Roth, Tom Westfall, and Bill Zimmerman. Tickets go on sale November 23 and are \$10 each. Mayor Fess encouraged citizens to attend, stating this will be a wonderful evening.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 7:56 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION