

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
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 January 21, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-10-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Troy, Ohio, City of Tipp City, Ohio, and Miami County Board of Commissioners for the Purpose of funding a Hazardous Coordinator position

City Manager Huff provided a brief overview stating this Memorandum of Understanding has been in effect since 2009, supports the position of Haz Mat Coordinator. This a part time position funded by Piqua, Troy, Tipp City, and Miami County and benefits both the city and county residents.

Several question were raised concerning the cost and if it was equally shared. Law Director Stacy Wall stated the costs are prorated depending on the size of the entity, and that she reviewed the contract.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Res. No. R-10-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-10-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-10-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 11-14

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of Transformers for the Power System

Power System Director Ed Krieger provided a brief overview of the request to purchase the twenty-two transformers. Five bids were received and Ermco, and Power Line Supply were the lowest bids. We would like to purchase twenty-two transformers from Ermco for a not to exceed price of \$113,559. In addition, a Purchase Order will be issued to Power Line Supply for ten Howard transformers totaling \$12,500, stated Mr. Krieger.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-11-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-11-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, Martin and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-11-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-12-14

A Resolution awarding a contract for purchase of a Bucket Truck for the Power System

Power System Director Ed Krieger stated the Power System plans to replace a vehicle this year, and went out to bid through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. The Power System currently owns several Altec Bucket Trucks and two Altec digger-derricks and are completely satisfied with their performance. Included in the 2014 budget is \$175,000 for the replacement and would like to purchase this Altec Bucket Truck for a not to exceed price of \$150,000 which is below budget, stated Mr. Krieger.

Commissioner Terry inquired about the delivery date. Mr. Krieger explained why it took so long to receive the truck after the order is placed.

Public comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-12-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-12-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-12-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-13-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, Inc., (AFSCME), Ohio Council 8, Local 984 (Blue Collar)

Law Director Stacy Wall stated this contract is the last of the Union Contract to be ratified. Ms. Wall explained the significant changes that would take place in the new contract. They include: Updating the reclassification positions, there will be a need for additional positions added with the new Water Plant; discipline updates; allowance of comp time in lieu of overtime, and rewarding employee's for maintaining perfect attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-13-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-13-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-13-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-14-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers, Inc., (AFSCME), Ohio Council 8, Local 984 (Clerical)

Law Director Wall stated this addresses the same benefits contract, wages, health, and discipline as the Blue Collar Contract. The Health Department currently has a Secretary position in the Union, but when the secretary retires the position will no longer be in the union. stated Ms. Wall.

A question was raised concerning the disciplinary steps, and if it was the same steps in all of the contracts, and if not, should it be. Ms. Wall stated no, and explained the reason for the different types of discipline within the various contracts.

Mayor Fess thanked Law Director Wall, Human Resource Director Elaine Barton, and Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Cynthia Holtzapple, City Manager Huff, who spent many hours working on the contracts, and to all of the employees for working together to get the contracts ratified in a timely manner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No.R-14-14.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-14-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Fess, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-14-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-15-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

Law Director Wall stated this contract provides a 2% wage increase, and the health and insurance are the same. This contract includes several changes: reimbursement to the HAS account for passing the physical fitness test, cash out time of sick time, and the use of holiday time as flexible time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No.R-15-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-15-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-15-14 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff provided a brief overview of the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan. It is not just about plowing the streets, as large snows create many other issues. Emergency shelters and food to be set up as needed, emergency transportation as needed, enact emergency snow routes, trash collection, need to run additional turbines, find backup generators as needed, bring in private contractors to help with the removal of snow.

With the storm that is going on at this time, the Public Works Department is putting down the Brine on the streets to prevent freezing, the Public Works Department employees are working two twelve hour shift at this time, the City has about 500 ton of salt available but have been using a lot of the Brine to help, looking to purchase more salt as it comes available, refuse collection will continue unless a Level 3 is issued by Miami County, and the we are currently in an Emergency Status with City Departments only and is not city wide.

Mayor Fess thanked City Manager Huff for progressively looking ahead and providing the citizens with the information to let them know the City is ready to handle any situation and is on top of things.

Commissioner Wilson stated he is glad to see the City is prepared for any situation including being able to communicate with other cities if help is needed. City Manager Huff stated the City has a lot of cooperation working closely with Miami County Communications Center.

Commissioner inquired as how citizens would be notified of any weather related emergency situations or have a one call? City Manager Huff stated the through TV, all media, and if someone has an emergency should call 911. We are working with Miami County Communication Center on issuing a one call, but all they have are land line numbers, and will need to have citizens sign up with their cell phone numbers. But we are working on this process at this time.

Commissioner Martin asked how citizens would find out if there was a Level 1-2 or 3 issued in the City of Piqua? City Manager Huff stated any of the media outlets are very informative.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Vogt stated he has received a large number of comments regarding the potholes and why they are not getting patched. Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens to be careful when driving on the city streets, further stating they cannot be patched in the cold weather. City Manager Huff explained as soon as the weather breaks the Public Works Department plans to do a lot of night patching as there is not as much traffic. We are also adding a lot more of funding to this year's budget to help with the repairs and paving, explained City Manager Huff. This problem is not just in Piqua other communities are having the same problem with the type of weather we had this winter, stated Commissioner Vogt and Mayor Fess.

Commissioner Martin reminded citizens to be careful and dress warm if they have to be out in the weather.

Commissioner Terry also reminded residents to be careful when going out. Stay warns, check on and help the elderly neighbors in your neighborhoods if they should need groceries, prescriptions, or their sidewalks/driveways cleared. Just be a good neighbor.

Mayor Fess also reminded citizens to help their elderly neighbors with snow removal, and to be careful if you have to be out in the weather.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:10 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