

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
Thursday, March 13, 2014
7:30 P.M.

Piqua City Commission met in a City Commission Work Session at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Terry, Wilson, Martin and Vogt. Also present were Gary Huff, City Manager; Stacy Wall, Law Director; Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager; Mike Rindler, Fire Department Chief; Brent Pohlschneider, Assistant Fire Department Chief; and Bruce Jamison, Chief of Police.

Also present: Gregory Foughty, Jim Gover, Jr., Russ Fashner, Tracy Gover, Jim Cruse, Pat Jenkins and Lou Moran, all Committee Members for the Piqua BikeFest.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to excuse Mayor Fess from the Work Session; motion seconded by Commissioner Terry; motion carried unanimously.

PIQUA BIKEFEST

Numerous members from the BikeFest Committee spoke intermittently throughout the Work Session. The Piqua BikeFest is currently slated to take place September 19-20, 2014, to begin late afternoon on September 19th through 11:00 P.M. and then commence on Saturday around 11:00 A.M. through 11:00 P.M.

Tracy Gover was pleased to report that the motorcycle group photo from the September 20, 1914 original BikeFest would be recreated several times throughout the day on Saturday beginning at 11:00 A.M. There is hope that numerous vendors will be located downtown in various places in a barricaded six block area, along with local bands for entertainment. A bike show will be located in front of the plaza with a pro stunt show being planned in front of Z's and a beer garden possibly located around the entertainment stage in a controlled area.

It was further noted that event insurance will be carried and the clean-up at the close of the event will be fully funded and taken care of at no expense or burden to the city.

Any proceeds earned from the event, after the promoter receives his 20%, will be placed in a bank account with the hope that the event will return next year and those proceeds will then be invested into making the next year more successful and hopefully reach a point where a portion of the proceeds will be able to benefit a local charity.

Commissioner Vogt voiced concern about local merchants being on board for the event based on a past failed car show. The BikeFest Committee reported that a meeting with the downtown merchants has been scheduled for April 10, 2014 to address most, if not all, concerns and ideas.

Chief Rindler voiced concern about access routes in case of emergencies and Chief Jamison voiced concerns about having enough police force(s) to ensure security for the event. It was stated by a Committee Member that the hope is to have somewhere between 1,000 to 5,000 visitors, however, they are planning for 10,000 and basing all safety/security issues on that number. Tracy Gover stated the National Guard has volunteered their services in whatever capacity they may be able to assist.

After a long discussion, all parties involved in the Work Session acknowledged the fact that there is still a lot of work to do with a lot of additional information and work needed in order to make this event a successful one. Tracy Gover stated that the Committee continues to meet every Wednesday of every month, and they have been doing so since November of 2013, and invited

any or all in attendance to attend those meetings, which are held at Gover Harley-Davidson. Future meetings will be held with the City Commission as additional information is collected.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 8:45 P.M.; seconded by Commissioner Terry; motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
KIMBERLY J. HEBB
ACTING CLERK OF COMMISSION