

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, March 18, 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, Martin and Vogt.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the Minutes from the February 20, 2014 Joint Work Session of the Piqua City Commission and the Piqua Planning Commission, as well as the Minutes from the March 4, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Martin moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded by Commissioner Wilson; motion was carried unanimously and Mayor Fess declared the Consent Agenda approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 2-14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 77.01 – TRAFFIC SCHEDULES ADOPTED, SCHEDULE IV OF THE PIQUA CODE, RELATING TO FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS PERTAINING TO THE PARK AVENUE/LAMBERT DRIVE INTERSECTION

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, spoke restating a study had been completed warranting a multi-way stop at this intersection based on the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD) and the Transportation Committee had previously unanimously recommended that this intersection be made a four-way stop and that it should be presented to Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 2-14.

Ordinance No. 2-14 will stand as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-45-14**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH URS CORP. FOR THE CONTINUATION OF PHASE 2 OF THE STORM WATER MASTER PLAN - SHAWNEE NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER STUDY

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator, spoke stating this Plan is a continuation of the Phase 1 Master Plan completed in 2013. This Plan would target the Shawnee neighborhood area where substantial flooding occurs in the corridor during heavy rain events. An investigation will take place that will go from the river east to the railroad track near the mall area to evaluate what can be done to divert water away, as well as looking at the infrastructure in that area to see where there are issues with water getting to the pump station.

Commissioner Martin questioned if any other areas besides the mall have already been through such an issue, i.e., more south that also comes down through the same section in question. Mr. Alexander stated there is a known field drainage pipe/tile coming from the east moving west that goes underneath the railroad track. That area will be investigated to see if there is a large amount of water coming from the east that could be putting water in the storm in the Shawnee area.

Commissioner Vogt questioned who is responsible if there is something coming from the fields in that area. Mr. Alexander stated that liability will be determined once the problem is investigated.

Commissioner Wilson questioned if there had already been cleaning in the Shawnee area as a first step. Mr. Alexander stated that there had been about 1,500 linear feet of cleaning in the Cleveland Street area last year. The cleaning helped somewhat but there was flooding again this past summer during a large rain event. A determination will need to be made as to whether the issue is capacity of the infrastructure or more to do with cleaning.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-45-14.

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt; seconded by Commissioner Martin; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Fees declared Res. No. R-45-14 adopted.

### **RES. NO. R-46-14**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH URS CORP. FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND BIDDING SERVICES FOR THE WEST INTERCEPTOR TO ECHO LAKE PROJECT

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator, spoke stating this is another continuation of an alternative that came out of the Phase 1 study. In that study a thorough investigation was done on the west end of Piqua. It was determined through field survey, as well as public input and survey, that there was a concern with the amount of water that was going from the west end of town into Echo Lake. As a result, an alternative was given for possibly piping in the west interceptor, which actually goes to Echo Lake. It is approximately an 800 foot long ditch that's highly eroded and has a large velocity of water that is coming from the west end of town. The engineering design will be looked at for putting the pipe in, as well as going out for bidding services for contractors to do the work.

Commissioner Martin questioned if this will take care of some of the silting problems in Echo Lake. Mr. Alexander stated it is believed that a large amount of the sediment and silt in the lake is coming from the west interceptor ditch that is going to that, so it is believed that the pipe will eliminate a lot of erosion that is taking place in the ditch resulting in less sediment going in to Echo Lake.

Commissioner Martin questioned if something will be implemented to slow the water down or stop the water so that it doesn't all blast into that corridor all at once. Mr. Alexander stated that there will be a rip rap rock placed to assist in alleviating the velocity of the water coming out of the pipe.

City Manager Huff stated that there will be some repairs to the retention ponds to make sure that the water is not running down those ditches as fast as it has been and a number of improvements are scheduled to take place.

Commissioner Wilson questioned the time frame for the completion of this project. Mr. Alexander stated it is in the 2014 budget and it is expected to be completed in 2014.

Commissioner Martin questioned prior dealings with URS. Mr. Alexander stated that URS was involved in the Phase 1 Master Plan. It is believed that URS is the most adequate and best

engineering firm to do the design based on URS having hands on experience with this part of town and knowing the issue and their results have always been nothing but successful.

Commissioner Wilson questioned if notification will be provided to the properties affected. Mr. Alexander stated that there will be easements needed so contact will be made once the project has reached that point.

City Manager Huff stated that public meetings have already been held with the property owners in an attempt to work on resolving this issue and they are very anxious to move forward.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Res. No. R-46-14.

Motion made by Commissioner Wilson; seconded by Commissioner Terry; motion was carried unanimously; Mayor Fess declared Res. No. R-46-14 adopted.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Mayor Fess stated that the Monthly Reports for January 2014 are in and have been accepted.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Stiefel of Piqua, Ohio came forward to invite everyone to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Race Cars & Future Stars free event at the Miami Valley Centre Mall on March 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Huff extended his congratulations to the Finance Department for receiving, again, the state award, with distinction, for the 2012 Financial Report and Audit. Piqua is one of the limited number of municipalities that receive that.

Further, interviews are scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014, for the two finalists for the Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director position. A decision as to who will be filling that position will hopefully be made shortly thereafter.

Finally, a large contingent from Piqua attended the River Summit in Dayton this past Friday. A lot of good comments were made and a lot of good renderings and visions were presented and Piqua received a lot of compliments for the River Development efforts.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogt wished good luck to Steven Stiefel on the Race Cars and Future Stars car show and thanked him for the good job he does. He further stated he has received several calls questioning what is going on with Garbry Road. City Manager Huff spoke stating temporary work is currently being done on Garbry and North Main. The asphalt in those areas has completely deteriorated and crumbled and there is no way to patch because the patches won't hold and the areas are too large. The Public Works Department is using a process of milling the area out and using that milling to regrade the base and then adding a dry concrete powder and calcium to it. This procedure seems to be working as a temporary fix until the asphalt companies open. Commissioner Vogt is hopeful the temporary patches will last until the Enhanced Paving Program can start in the summer.

Commissioner Martin had no comment.

Commissioner Terry stated that she attended the Piqua Rotary/OSU Buckeyes basketball game on Friday, March 14, 2014, giving special notice to Devon Alexander for his participation in the game, and noted that the fundraiser was well done and successful.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he attended, along with Mayor Fess, the groundbreaking of a Habitat for Humanity home on Boone Street, which the family was very thankful and appreciative of receiving. Habitat for Humanity is taking volunteers and he would suggest anybody interested in helping out with that give them a call.

Mayor Fess stated that volunteering for Habitat for Humanity can also be done through Compassion Network. In addition, she got the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting for Piqua's newest street at Piqua Baptist Church. The hallway of the church has been decorated with quite a few Piqua buildings, including the old fire station on Park Avenue and the library. Congratulations were extended to the congregation at Piqua Baptist Church for creating a new street here in Piqua with no potholes!!

Motion made by Commissioner Vogt and seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:51 P.M.; motion was carried unanimously.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
KIMBERLY J. HEBB  
ACTING CLERK OF COMMISSION