

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 1, 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

PRESENTATION Cindy Bach – Solid Waste Coordinator for Miami County

Ms. Bach presented an update on House Bill 592 stating there will be changes made but she is not sure what the changes are going to be at this time. Ms. Back passed out information regarding several upcoming events in the future within Miami County. Several include: Composting materials will now be accepted, a Prescription Pill Drug Take Back Program, and a Shred Fest. Police Chief Jamison explained how RX drugs are accepted within the City of Piqua.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry to move into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:51 P.M. and move into the Regular City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2014, and the March 18, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meetings, and the minutes from the March 13, 2014 Piqua City Commission Work Session.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-14 (3rd 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

City Engineer, Amy Havenar stated a study was completed warranting a multi-way stop at this intersection based on the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD). The Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that this intersection be made a four –way Stop and forwarded the request to the City Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 2-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 2-14 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-47-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to John Deere Company for the purchase of lawn mowers for the Public Works Department-Street and Parks

Assistant Street Superintendent Brian Brookhart provided a brief overview on the eight new mowers including the fuel type, size, and the warranties for the various mowers. Mr. Brookhart did a very extensive research on the various mowers and explained the reason for choosing these particular mowers. Mr. Brookhart stated they would be using the State Bid Contract to purchase these mowers, and further explained what the plans are for the current mowers.

Several question were raised concerning the mulching capability, and the difference between the 60 inch and the 72 inch mowing deck, and if there is any trade in value on the old mowers. Mr. Brookhart provided the information.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Res. No. R-47-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-47-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-47-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 48-14

A Resolution approving the purchase of Parcel N44-000560

City Manager Huff stated the City has been in the pre-planning stages creating the development of the Riverfront Area. Parcel N44-000560 - 117 E. Water Street is a critical piece of the proposed development, and the City would like to purchase the parcel for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-48-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-48-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-49-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-49-14

A Resolution approving the purchase of Parcel N44-017270

City Manager Huff stated this is the second property the City has been working with in the pre-planning stages creating the development of the Riverfront Area. Parcel N44-017270 - 111 S. Main Street is also a critical piece of the proposed development, and the City would like to purchase the parcel for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

The purchase of these two properties was discussed previously at an Executive Session stated Commissioner Vogt.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-49-14.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-49-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-49-14 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, came forward and welcomed Clerk of Commission Becky Cool back after her extended illness, stating he was glad to have her back.

Mr. Boehringer stated Bill Lutz, Development Program Director, and eleven of the Citizens Government Academy graduates will be touring the State House, and sit in on a Ohio Senate Session with Senator Beagle on Tuesday April 8, 2014.

Jeannine Pratt, candidate for Miami County Common Pleas Court Judge came forward and introduced herself to the Commission, and asked Piqua residents for their vote in the May Primary.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff stated he provided a copy to the Commissioners of the letter he sent to the FAA regarding the inclusion of the Piqua Municipal Airport into the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). This is important as it allows the City to have access to federal funding for capital improvements and maintenance for the Municipal Airport. City Manager Huff further stated the letter is being supported by Speaker John Boehner's Office and various Companies, and explained the reason for the letter. The City of Piqua is the headquarters of Hartzell Propeller who is the international leader in advanced propeller design and manufacturing technology. Seventy-five percent of the aircraft in the world utilize propellers from Hartzell Propeller, and Hartzell engineers are working to convert engines from AV gas to Jet A fuel for environmental concerns and worldwide availability, stated City Manager Huff.

Mayor Fess stated City Manager Huff wrote a great letter, further stating she counted sixty-eight different companies who fly into the Piqua Municipal Airport for various reasons and service.

City Manager Huff announced MainStreet Piqua Beautification Committee is accepting donations for the downtown flower planters, and if anyone would like to donate they can contact Lorna Swisher at MainStreet Piqua. Commissioner Wilson noted that the donations are tax deductible.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Wilson stated he would like to welcome Becky Cool, Commission Clerk back and asked her not to leave again!

Commissioner Terry also welcomed Becky Cool back stating she missed her!

Commissioner Martin also welcomed Becky Cool back and to think spring!

Commissioner Vogt also welcomed Becky Cool back, stating he did not have anyone to bug!!!

Commissioner Vogt announced the Piqua Municipal Golf Course is open and offering memberships with no increase in fees this year. This is the finest golf course in the State, stated Commissioner Vogt.

Mayor Fess made it unanimous by welcoming Becky Cool back after being out 6 weeks, further stating she has never been out that long before. Glad to have her back.

Mayor Fess also thanked Kim Hebb, Law Director's Executive Assistant for attending the Commission Meetings during Becky's absence, and for doing a great job for the Commission!

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:20 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