

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 15, 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 April 1, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. No. R-50-14

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Kirt Huemmer as a City Employee

Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager came forward and thanked Mr. Huemmer for his 27 years of service to the City of Piqua, and the Municipal Golf Course. Mr. Huemmer thanked the City of Piqua for the opportunity to have worked for such a wonderful community.

RES. NO. R-51-14

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Larry Picklesimer as a City Employee

Fire Chief Mike Rindler and Deputy Chief Brent Pohlschneider came forward and thanked Mr. Picklesimer for his 20 years of service to the citizens of Piqua. Mr. Picklesimer has a good history with the Piqua Fire Department, and was always willing to do whatever was asked of him, and performed his job with the upmost pride, stated Chief Rindler. Mr. Picklesimer stated it has been an honor, and a blessing to serve in the Piqua Fire Department, and be an employee of the City of Piqua.

Mayor Fess stated she appreciates the service of both Mr. Huemmer and Mr. Picklesimer to the citizens of the City of Piqua.

City Manager Huff read the list of appointments.

RES. NO. R-52-14

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals

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A Resolution appointing a member to the Income Tax Board of Review

RES. NO. R-55-14

A Resolution appointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board

RES. NO. R-56-14

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

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

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R- 58-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to permit the usage of a portion of public parks and city owned property for Adventures on the Great Miami to operate a non-motorized watercraft rental business

City Planner Chris Schmiesing, came forward and provided a brief overview of the plans for the Downtown Riverfront Project, further stating the project was discussed recently at the City Commission Work Session.

Mr. Schmiesing introduced Chris Jackson from Tipp City who is going to renting canoes and kayaks to be used on the Miami River. Mr. Jackson provided information on the types of watercraft that will be used, the locations of renting the watercraft, and the hours and days of operations.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the use of the river, type of watercraft being rented, the issue of lifejackets, and various other questions. Mr. Jackson answered all questions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Res. No. R-58-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R- 58-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-58-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 59-14

A Resolution authorizing an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding to make improvements to Hartzell Field at the Piqua Municipal Airport

City Engineer Amy Havenar provided a brief update on the application for funding to make improvements to the Hartzell Field at the Piqua Municipal Airport. The City is applying for funds for crack sealing, repairs, and new pavement markings. The grant will provide 90% of the funding, with the City's share being 10%. The anticipated scheduled date is March of 2015, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-59-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-59-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-59-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-60-14 Amended 4-15-2014

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into a contract with CDM –Smith for amendment No. 1 to the engineering service for a Wastewater Treatment Plant preliminary engineering report

Dave Davis, Wastewater Plant Superintendent provided a brief overview stating in May of 2013 the City Commission approved CDM-Smith to perform a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plan. Due to the finding of the BioActiflo Pilot Testing, CDM Smith has recommended and the OEPA approved to amend the Plant Facility Plan and Preliminary Engineering Report, and further explained the need for the amendment at this time.

Bob Yoxthimer of CDM-Smith came forward and provided a brief summary of the reason for the amendment. Several questions were raised regarding the various changes being made, and why they are recommending the amendment at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-60-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-60-14 be adopted, as amended Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-60-14 adopted as amended.

RES. NO. R- 61-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Lock Nine Park and Linear Park to the Piqua Arts Council and Mainstreet Piqua

City Manager Huff stated the city Commission previously discussed this at their April 10th, 2014 Work session where questions were raised and answered. This resolution would allow Mainstreet Piqua to use the Lock 9 Park and Linear Park for 3 concerts this summer.

Lorna Swisher, Executive Director of Mainstreet Piqua came forward and provided a brief summary of the plans for the concerts to be held on the riverfront area. Mr. Schmiesing stated there will be three different concerts to be held June 14, June 28th, and July 28 and will feature Blues/Rock, Country and Country Rock. The concerts will be free to the public and food vendors will be on site also.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-61-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-61-14 Be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-61-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 62-14

A Resolution of Intent to Vacate Public Right-of-Way

City Planner Chris Schmiesing provided a brief overview of the reason for the reason for the Vacation of Public Right-of-Way at this time. Piqua City Schools desires to vacate a platted portion of the alley right-of-way in the vicinity of Nicklin Avenue and Ann Street. The right of way is bordered by property owned the Piqua City Schools at this time.

If approved by the City Commission the request will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their recommendation and approval, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Discussion of the access to the alley, possible loss of parking spaces, and if the neighbors would still have easy access to their property. Commissioner Vogt voiced his concern over vacating the alley.

Mayor Fess stated the Planning Commission meeting is a public meeting for citizens/residents to come and ask questions regarding the vacation of the right-of-way.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-62-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-62-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: Vogt. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-62-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-63-14

A Resolution of Intent to Vacate Public Right-of-Way

City Planner Chris Schmiesing stated the American Legion desires to vacate a platted portion of an alley right of way between Campbell Street and Downing Street. The right of way is bordered by property owned by the applicant on both side. The area would become on parcel and better define their parking area.

There was discussion regarding the use of the area and how the vacation would affect traffic. City Manager Huff stated that the American Legion would still allow Careflight to land there for use by the Piqua Fire Department.

Mayor Fess stated this resolution is approving the vacation to go to the Planning Commission for their recommendation and approval.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-63-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-63-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: Vogt. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-63-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-64-14

A Resolution urging Ohio Voters to support State Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program, on the May 6, 2014 ballot

Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director provided the staff report urging the voters to support State Issue 1, the renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program on May 6, 2014. There will be no new taxes this is just a renewal, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-64-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-64-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-64-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-65-14

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Access Engineering Solutions, Inc. for professional engineering services as related to the Ridge Street, Garbry Road, and Hemm Road water main improvements

Todd Brandenburg, Underground Utilities Superintendent provided the staff report.

Several questions were raised and answered by Mr. Brandenburg.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-65-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-65-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-65-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-66-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Valley Ford Truck Inc. for the purchase of four trucks for the Public Works Department

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Assistant Superintendent came forward and provided a brief overview of the type of trucks being purchased. Mr. Brookhart explained the new trucks will be used for various jobs. The old trucks will sold on Gov-Deals as they are not worth trading in.

City Manager Huff stated these trucks are under State Contract.

A question was raised if the new trucks would be used for snow plowing. Mr. Brookhart stated no, that they have ample trucks for snow plowing now, but if needed can be used in the future.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-66-14 be adopted. Roll call: Aye: Fess, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-66-14 adopted.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Reports for February 2014

Monthly Reports for February 2014 were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff introduced Justin Sommer the new Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director. Mr. Sommer came forward and provided a little background on his experience, further stating he is excited about joining the City of Piqua Team, as there seems to be a lot of positive momentum going on in Piqua.

Mayor Fess stated she feels Piqua is fortunate to have Mr. Sommer and is looking forward to working with him.

City Manager Huff announced the City of Piqua has received several awards recently and they include:

State Auditor Award for Outstanding Financial Reporting, further stating only 5% of Ohio local governments receive this award.

The Ohio EPA presented the City of Piqua with the 2014 Outstanding Achievement in Brownfield Redevelopment for various initiatives including the Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment, Piqua Power Plant Riverfront Development, and the Historic East Piqua Redevelopment projects.

And for the 18th year, the City of Piqua has been recognized as a National Tree City USA community.

City Manager Huff also announced the Employee Give Committee delivered food for the Back Pack Program for the Piqua High School to distribute for Spring Break. We are very proud of our employees for their generosity in providing this food.

City Manager Huff also announced the City Commission Coffee will be held in the Underground Utilities Department on Thursday April 19, 2014.

Piqua Community Good Friday services will be held at the True Vine Church 531 W. Ash on Friday, April 18 from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M. and is open to the public.

City Manager Huff announced the annual Bike to Work week is going to be held the week of May 12-16, 2014, and encouraged everyone to ride their bikes to work, registration can be found on the Piqua website.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Vogt congratulated Kirt Huemmer, and Larry Picklesimer on their dedicated years of service to the citizens of Piqua.

Commissioner Martin also congratulated the retirees and wished them the best in their retirement.

Commissioner Terry welcomed Justin Sommer stating she is happy to have him join the Piqua team.

Commissioner Wilson also congratulated the retirees on their years of service to the citizens of Piqua.

Mayor Fess stated she was glad to see Police Chief Jamison survived his role in the Piqua Dancing with the Stars recently. The Piqua Arts Council raised over \$34,000 thanks to all who participated and the community support. Mayor Fess also congratulated Piqua Arts Council President Chris Schmiesing for all of his hard work in helping to make the Piqua Dancing with the Stars such a great success this year.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:55 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