

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 20, 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 Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Absent: None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

RESIDENCE PRIDE AWARDS

Brad & Maria Bubp	1279 Park Avenue
Scott & Dan Shawler	505 New Street
John & Mary Spruance	999 Covington Avenue
Wade Westfall	295 E. Ash Street
John & Mondean Weymer	907 Plymouth Avenue

PRESENTATION:

YWCA/Upper Valley Career Center-Red X Campaign for Human Trafficking Awareness

Leesa Baker and Lynn Marroletti of the YWCA provided information on Human Trafficking, and what is being done in the Piqua area to prevent it.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the May 8, 2014 Piqua City Commission Work Session, and the May 6, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-70-14

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 3-14

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Elaine Barton, Human Resource Director provided the staff report stating Ordinance No, 3-14 revises Schedule A which cover non-union employees. The changes include two new positions IT Administrator and SCADA Administrator, and reinstates the positions of Assistant Water Superintendent and Assistant Wastewater Superintendent, and adjusts the title of the Water Distribution Supervisor to Assistant Underground Utilities Superintendent at the same pay range as the other Assistant positions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 3-14.

Ordinance No. 3-14 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 4-14

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Elaine Barton, Human resource Director provided the staff report stating Ordinance No. 4-14 makes changes to include the position of SCADA Administrator and reflect the change for the Golf Course to include the use of a golf cart if available to the summer laborers.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 4-14.

Ordinance No. 4-14 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 5-14

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Public Right of Way

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the staff report stating Piqua City School District would like to modify the alignment of a portion of public alley right of way located between Nicklin Avenue and Camp Street. This will require the existing public alley right of way to be vacated and a new public alley right of way be dedicated. The proposed alley realignment will allow the new school site improvements to physically separate the alley from the traffic generated by the school. The proposed alley realignment will remain accessible to local residents and passable by public utility vehicles, stated Mr. Sommer.

Several questions were raised concerning the use of the alley by the public and residents, the configuration of the alley for traffic, fencing on the property along the alley, and safety concerns.

Curt South, Piqua City School representative came forward and answered all questions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 5-14.

Ordinance No. 5-14 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 6-14

An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Ordinance No. 42-96 and the zoning map attached thereto to change the zoning designation of a portion of Parcel N44-075900, to R-1AA One-Family Residential

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the staff report stating this item was presented to the Planning Commission at the request of the owner to change the zoning designation of a portion of the property from I-2 Heavy Industrial to R-1AAA One Family Residential. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on May 13, 2014 and the property owner provided information regarding the reason for the zoning change, stating they would like to construct a dwelling unit on a portion of the property. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed zoning change, stated Mr. Sommer.

Anthony Scott, Keystone Homes came forward and answered all questions.

Mike Sherry came forward stating he would like to build a home on the property in question if the rezoning is approved.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 6-14.

Ordinance No. 6-14 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 7-14

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of public right-of-way

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the staff report stating the American Legion Post 184 would like to vacate a portion of public right of way located between Campbell Street and Downing Street. The existing alley right of way is currently surrounded by the American Legion parking lot and they plan to make improvements and will continue to use the pavement to support the adjoining parking area. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and all surrounding property owners were notified, with no one from the public attending to speak for or against the vacation.

There was discussion on the assessability of the alley from Campbell Street, several other questions including if Care Flight would still be able to land in the parking lot.

City Manager Huff explained the process for vacating public right of way, further stating he will share the concerns with the applicant.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 7-14.

Ordinance No. 7-14 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-71-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Reineke Ford-Lincoln, Inc. for the purchase of a Utility Service Truck with service body and air compressor system

Shane Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, provide the staff report stating the new truck will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Underground Utilities Department filed operations in water distribution, wastewater collection, and stormwater maintenance. The versatility of this truck will help the crew by having a truck mounted air compressor system to be used while clearing curb boxes. Operating pneumatic tools, and assisting other department as needed, and will provide a back-up air compressor and tool truck when W-20 is out for maintenance.

Several questions were raised and Mr. Johnson answered all.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R- 71-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-71-14 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-71-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-72-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Culy Contracting, Inc. for the purchase of insertion valves

Shane Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, provided the staff report stating the Underground Utilities department has identified four location within the older section of the water distribution system that have inoperable and deficient valving. The four locations include: 645 W. High Street, 333 W. High Street, 321 N. College Street, and the Southeast corner of Downing and High Streets. Even though two lower bids were received they did not meet the specifications required. Culy Contracting, Inc. was the only company that bid to fulfill the specifications as requested.

Questions were raised concerning the price difference, and if all of the valves would be replaced.

Mr. Johnson answered all questions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-72-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-72-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor fess then declared Resolution No. R-72-14 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ruth Koon, Park Avenue, representing the Friend of the Piqua Parks, came forward and provided a brief update on the funding they have received so far, project they are working on, and additional plans for the improvements at Pitsenbarger Park in the future. Ms. Koon thanked City Manager Huff, Brian Brookhart, Cindy Holtzapple, Commissioners Vogt and Wilson for all of their help with the project.

MONTHLY REPORTS- March 2014

Monthly Reports for March 2014 were accepted.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff asked Police Chief Bruce Jamison to provide a brief overview of the Human Trafficking problem. Commissioners asked several questions regarding the problem and Chief Jamieson answered all questions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson stated the Community Garden is open and there are still several plots available, for more information they can call the Parks Department at 778-2095.

Commissioner Terry congratulated the Residence Pride Award winners stating they are helping to improve the neighborhoods. Commissioner Terry reminded citizens to clean up around their homes and to keep their properties clear of trash and debris. Commissioner Terry stated she enjoyed the Taste of the Arts again this year.

Commissioner Martin stated he had a good time at the Taste of the Arts. Commissioner Martin asked if it would be possible to ask the Conservancy District not to blow grass out into the street when they are moving in the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt stated he attended the Taste of the Arts but stated the rain kept some of the residents away. The music was enjoyed by all, and he is looking forward to hearing them again next year.

Mayor Fess stated the weather has put a damper on the Taste of the Arts for the last two years and hopes next year will be better weather wise for them. The food was good and thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard putting it together.

Mayor Fess thanked the YWCA and Police Chief Jamison for the informative information regarding the Human trafficking problem and appreciates all their hard work.

Mayor Fess announced June 14 is the first Rock Piqua Concert in Piqua, also the Piqua Bikefest will be held September 19 & 20, 2014 and this is the 100 Anniversary of the Bikefest, and they hope to recreate the picture that was taken 100 years ago.

Mayor Fess thanked the Residence Pride Award winners for keeping their properties so nice.

Mayor Fess stated there are always a lot of things happening in Piqua and reminded residents to watch the paper and the City website for more information.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay, None.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or compensation of the City Manager.
2. To consider pending or imminent litigation.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Executive Session at 9:31 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION