

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, June 17, 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.

**PRESENTATION: BIKE TO WORK WEEK AWARDS**

Jim Hemmert came forward and provided background on the Bike to Work Week and announced the Silver Pedal Trophy winners for 2014.

Large Entity Winner of the Silver Pedal Trophy: Hartzell Propeller with 427 Miles  
Small Entity Winner of the Silver Pedal Trophy: Piqua Family Practice with 173 Miles  
Sole Entity Winner of the Silver Pedal Trophy: Treon's Barber & Styling with 97 Miles  
Student Entity Winner of the Silver Pedal Trophy: Bennett Intermediate School with 584 Miles

Mayor Fess congratulated all of the Silver Pedal Trophy winners. Mayor Fess thanked Chris Schmiesing and his committee, along with " Mr. Bicycle" Jim Hemmert on the great job they did promoting Bicycle Week in the City of Piqua.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the June 6, 2014 Special Piqua City Commission Meeting

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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 3-14 (3rd Reading)**

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a ne 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.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 3-14 be adopted.

Roll call, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 3-14 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 4-14 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

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 reflects the change for the Golf Course to include the use of a golf cart if available to the summer laborers.

Commissioner Wilson asked if there was only one golf cart available would the employee be able to use it. City Manager Huff stated yes, if the Golf Course is not busy at the time.

**Public Comment**

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

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Ordinance No 4-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Fess, Terry and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 4-14 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 5-14 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Public Right of Way

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner provided the staff report, stating this is the next step in the process to vacate a portion of the Public Right of Way. The 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. A revised copy of the alley revision was placed in the Commission packet, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Several questions were raised concerning the revision by changing the radius to 15', and the type of material used in the alley and the adjoining area.

Curt South, representative for Piqua City Schools came forward and answered questions. Parking restrictions were discussed with City Manager Huff stating they will evaluate the whole area.

**Public Comment**

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

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 5-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 5-14 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 7-14 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

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

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner provided the staff report. Piqua 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 to the building in the future, and will continue to use the pavement to support the

adjoining parking area. This is the first step in the process for future growth by the American Legion stated Mr. Schmiesing.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against the Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 7-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye; Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Fess, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 7-14 adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-76-14**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park, Hardman Field and Hance Pavilion to the Piqua Fourth of July Association

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the staff report. This is the yearly lease to the Piqua Fourth of July Association for use of a portion of Fountain Park , Hardman Field, and Hance Pavilion for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. The Association has provided the proper insurance as required by the City.

A question was raised if it is necessary to have a deposit paid to insure proper clean-up after the event.

City Manager Huff stated there never has been a problem with clean-up in the past, and the contract they signed addresses clean-up of the property after the event.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R- 76-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-76-14 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-76-14 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-77-14**

A Resolution awarding a contract to L.J. DeWeese Co., Inc. for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance program

Project manager Bob Graeser provided the staff report. On June 3, 2014, three bids were received for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance program. Work will consist of replacement of 72 catch basins and the installation of 113 ADA compliant handicap ramps at intersections along the streets to be resurfaced as part of the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program, stated Mr. Graeser.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-77-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-77-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-77-14 adopted.

**MONTHLY REPORTS – APRIL 2014**

Monthly Reports for April 2014 were accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Huff congratulated MainStreet Piqua and the Piqua Arts Council on the Rock Piqua Concert. Further stating it was a huge success with over 1,800 people in attendance for a fun evening of music. The next scheduled concert is June 28, 2014, so mark your calendars, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff congratulated the Johnston Farm on the dedication of the Education Center. The Johnston farm is a huge tourism draw and a great benefit to the community.

City Manager Huff announced Dunham Sports will be the new anchor store at the Miami Valley Centre, and plan to be open by the holidays.

City Manager Huff announced there are several Board and Committee openings and they include:

Park Board	1
Tree Committee	1
Stormwater Utility	2

Anyone interested in the board opening can contact the City Manager’s Office, or go to the Piqua website to apply for the board and committee opening of their choice.

City Manager Huff stated the Street Department is in the process of patching the streets, as the hard winter took a toll on the city streets. There are over twenty streets on the paving list and will be adding more, so plan to see a lot of paving being done this summer, stated City Manager Huff..

Questions were raised if they would be doing any crack sealing, and if any of the city plans on purchasing any large equipment to do paving ourselves instead of outsourcing in the future. City Manager Huff explained.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Vogt stated he wanted to thank all of his neighbors for taking such good care of their properties and showing pride in their neighborhood.

Commission Terry stated they enjoyed the Rock Piqua Concert and the food was also very tasty. Commissioner Terry further stated the Piqua Civic Band will begin their summer concert series on Thursdays starting June 19 at the Hance Pavilion. The Farmers Market will be open again this Thursday downtown and will be hosting a jam contest this week.

Commissioner Wilson commented on citizens who are talking on the cell phone while driving. This is very dangerous and asked citizens to refrain from driving and talking on the phone.

Mayor Fess stated she attended the Rock Piqua Concert on Saturday evening and it was wonderful enjoyable evening. Mayor Fess further stated there were 1.812 attendees Saturday evening, and they hope to have more at the next concert. Positively Promoting Piqua had volunteers helping with all aspects of the evening from cleaning curbs and gutters to selling t-shirts, stated Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess thanked Chris Schmiesing and his committee for all of their hard work on putting together such a wonderful concert, and she is looking forward to next concert on June 28 with Clark Manson.

Mayor Fess stated there is a lot going on in the City of Piqua and could not be done without the help and support of the many volunteers.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:07 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION