

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

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting and the June 12, 2014 Piqua City Commission Work Session

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

RES. NO. R-77-14

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc. for professional construction management services related to the Miami River Interceptor Siphon Line Improvements

Todd Brandenburg, Underground Utilities Supervisor provided the staff report. Utilization of an engineering firm, to perform construction related professional services is critical to the success of this project due to the complexity and technical nature of the siphon line installation across the Great Miami River. By using Arcadis, U.S. Inc. this will allow the Underground Utilities Staff to continue to conduct maintenance, and operation functions within the utility infrastructure without scheduling delays and conflicts.

City Staff and representatives from Arcadis U.S., Inc. have met and developed a proper scope, contract and fee schedule based upon the City's requirements for the administration of this construction project.

\$706,000 has been budgeted for this project in 2014 and the engineers estimate for this project is \$587,000 leaving \$119,000 to fund construction management and engineering expenses. The proposed expenditure includes a 10% contingency, stated Mr. Brandenburg.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the number of SSO events and the size of the siphon line, if adding pumps would help, if there were any assumptions that needed to be addressed, and, what are the muscle's that are in the water and if they cause any issues. Mr. Brandenburg answered all of the questions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R- 78-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-78-14 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-78-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-79-14

A Resolution fixing the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the calendar year 2015 and draft appropriation ordinance

Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director provided the staff report. Charter Section 49 requires the submission of the draft appropriation ordinance based upon the said budget. Resolution No. R-78-14 sets the Public Hearing on the Proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the year 2015. The Public Hearing will be held at the next regular City Commission Meeting on July 15, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at the Municipal Government Complex, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-79-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-79-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Fess, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-79-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-80-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Valley Ford Truck, Inc. and Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company for the purchase of a new sign truck for the Public Works Department

Brian Brookhart, Assistant Public Works Director provided the staff report. This truck will primarily be used for sign repairs, and will be able to hold about 30 that we can keep stocked and organized on the truck at all times for emergency situations. The truck will be purchased through Valley Ford on State Bid. The utility bed for the truck will be purchased from Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment and is also on State Contract. Currently a pick-up truck is used to carry signs and tools around, and the new vehicle will allow us to be more efficient, stated Mr. Brookhart.

Several questions were raised by the Commissioners concerning the usage of the truck, number and type of signs to be carried on the truck, and if the truck would be equipped with a snow plow in the winter. Mr. Brookhart answered all of the questions, further stating the Sign Department maintains over 4000 signs in the City of Piqua. Commissioner Terry asked if the new pick-up truck would make the turn at the alley on Ann Street by the new Intermediate School. Mr. Brookhart stated yes.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R- 80-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-78-14 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Vogt, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-80-14 adopted

RES. NO. R-81-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order with Ohio Transmission & Pump Co. for the replacement of #2 Raw Sewage Pump Gear Box at the Wastewater Plant

Dave Davis, Wastewater Plant Superintendent provided the staff report. The #2 Raw Sewage Pump Gear Box broke down in early June and was sent out for inspection. It was discovered the unit has been in service for over 20 years and is in need of major repairs. Quotes were obtained for repairs and purchase of a new unit. The cost for repair is 80% of the cost of a new one. Recommendation is to replace the old unit with a new one that is warranted. This unit needs to last until the plant is upgraded and finished in 2020, stated Mr. Davis.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R- 81-14.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-81-14 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Fess, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-81-14 adopted

RES. NO. R-82-14

A Resolution requesting authorization to amend the purchase order with SSOE Group for the engineering services associated with the Power Plant Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grant

Ed Krieger, Power Systems Director provided the staff report. In late 2011 the Board of Miami County Commissioners received a grant in excess of \$1.4 million to remediate, demolish structures and develop a new park behind the City's Power Plant at 919 S. Main Street. The County applied on the City's behalf since the City could not legally be the applicant; therefore, the City and the County are working cooperatively on this project, stated Mr. Krieger.

Brownfield Restoration Group, LLC was selected to provide Certified Professional Services, Homrick, Inc. was awarded a \$1,047,600 contract to provide remediation, demolition and reconstruction activities and SSOE was selected to serve as the Owner's Engineer. A contract for engineering services up to \$102,000 was approved by Piqua City Commission on October 16, 2014.

Due to the age of the structures and lack of detailed documentation, unanticipated site conditions have resulted in the need for additional engineering services to complete the demolition and reuse activities associated with the Power Plant Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund Grant. The Piqua Energy Board unanimously recommended the City Commission amend and increase the purchase order with SSOE Group by \$25,000 to a not to exceed total of \$127,000, stated Mr. Krieger.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R- 82-14.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-82-14 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-82-14 adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Franz, Park Ridge Place came forward and asked if it would be possible to paint the new city logo on the East Ash Street Railroad Bridge. City Manager Huff stated the city is in the process of obtaining bids at this time, but has to receive permission from CSX before the bridge can be painted.

Ms. Franz also voiced her concern over the plantings and trees along East Ash Street by the Miami Valley Centre. City Manager Huff explained the City has a warranty on the plantings and trees and the Landscape Company will be assessing and replacing the plants and trees as needed next week. ODOT will also be assessing the drainage situation. There are only certain types of plants and trees ODOT will allow to be planted, stated City Manager Huff.

Mike Sloan, Delaware Court. came forward stating there is a low spot on North 25-A east of the on ramp that is not draining and is causing flooding in the area when it rains. City Manager Huff stated ODOT actually provides the inspections, and will follow up with them on the problem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff congratulated MainStreet Piqua, Piqua Arts Council, all of the volunteers and sponsors on a wonderful concert. The crowd was in excess of 3100 people who came to Rock Piqua. You are going to continue to see this grow as it is part of the future plan for the Riverfront Project, and there are plans to build an amphitheater in the future, stated city Manager Huff

City Manager Huff announced the Annual 4th of July celebration will be held on Friday, July 4, 2014 at Fountain Park and Hance Pavilion beginning at 10:00 A.M and concluding with fireworks at 10:00 P.M.

City Manager stated the City will be testing the Weather Alert Sirens on Wednesday July 2, 2014.

City Manager Huff announced the City of Piqua was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the ICMA Center for Performance Measurements (CPM) recently. This recognizes the City's efforts to track, report, and act upon performance data that is collected on an annual basis. Development Program Director Bill Lutz serves as the Primary Coordinator for the CPM and has developed performance measurement profiles for various service areas. Not many cities our population size receive this award, and we are fortunate to have received it this year, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff stated street paving is continuing in the 500 and 600 blocks of Downing Street. While milling the street several issues were found that need to be corrected first, and then the paving will continue.

City Manager Huff announced the City of Piqua will be closed July 4th in observance of the National Holiday. Friday's refuse and recycling will be picked up on Saturday.

City Manager Huff also announced the City of Piqua received a Business Honor Award from the Piqua City Schools for the work on the Piqua Hospital Demolition. City staff obtained a \$2 million grant for the demolition of the old hospital on the site to construct the new Piqua Intermediate School.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson stated he enjoyed the Rock Piqua Concert on Saturday June 28, 2014. The event was enjoyed by all ages with great music and a wonderful crowd. This is a great event for the City of Piqua, and I can't wait for the next concert, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Mayor Fess stated Clark Manson was a great singer and knows he will go far.

Commissioner Terry stated she also attended the Rock Piqua Concert and enjoyed the music. This is a great opportunity to show off the Riverfront district and the downtown area, said Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Terry also reminded citizens to come out and enjoy the Piqua Civic Band Concert to be held on July 3, at Fountain Park in the Hance Pavilion. City Manager Huff was given the honor of being a guest Conductor previously, and he did a wonderful job, stated Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Martin stated he attended the Rock Piqua Concert and enjoyed the evening.

Commissioner Vogt stated three years ago he and Public Works Director Doug Harter spearheaded a project to revamp the Hance Pavilion. Commissioner Vogt encouraged residents to go out and see the Hance Pavilion and enjoy the concerts.

Mayor Fess stated she attended the Rock Piqua Concert and it was a huge success thanks to all of the committee members, volunteers, Positively Promoting Piqua, and all of the supporters. There was something there for everyone to enjoy, and the food they offered was delicious. Mayor Fess noted Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Justin Sommer was also in attendance and Rocking Piqua.

Mayor Fess congratulated Law Director Stacy Wall for being appointed as Piqua Rotary Club President this year.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:29 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION