

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 2, 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: OHIO LIONS CLUB

PRESENTERS: MR. JACK PRESTION AND MR. KARL COX

Mr. Cox provided a brief background on the Ohio Lions Clubs, stating their main project is to provide eye glasses to those who can't afford to purchase them. They provide eye glasses to Third World Countries and to students and adults in our country as needed. The Lion's Clubs also provides disaster relief as needed.

Mr. Cox further stated they would like to establish a local Piqua Lion's Club, and asked for the City of Piqua's blessing to do so.

Mayor Fess stated the Lion's Clubs does great work and wished them the best of luck in establishing a Piqua Chapter of the Lions Club.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move to Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to move into Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes at 7:45 P.M. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Vogt. Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from Executive Session and move back into Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:00 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2014 Piqua City Commission Meeting, and the Piqua City Commission Work Session August 14, 2014.

RES. NO. R-89-14

A Resolution appointing a member to the Western Ohio TV Consortium (WOTVC) Board.

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-89-14 appoints Lloyd Shoemaker to the WOTVC Board as the City's representative for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.

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. 9-14 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance to levy Special Assessments to pay the cost of demolition assessments per terms of Moving Ohio Forward Grant Agreement

Justin Sommer Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the Staff Report.

This is the third ready of Ordinance No. 9-14. The City of Piqua entered into a grant agreement (Moving Ohio Forward) with the Miami County Board of Commissioners for the demolition of blighted properties.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 9-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 10-14 (3rd READING)

An Ordinance to levy Special Assessments to pay for the cost of nuisance abatement assessment

Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker provided the Staff Report.

This is the annual assessments that abates nuisance conditions on properties including mowing high grass, removing trash, trimming trees, and demolishing structures according to city code. The cost of the abatement is charged back to the property owner. If the property owner fails to pay the abatement cost then the costs are certified to the county auditor to be placed on the property taxes. The auditor only accepts these assessments once per year and are due to the Miami County Auditor by September 8, 2014.

Since the last Commission Meeting a few property owners have come forward and paid, stated Ms. Welker.

Several questions were raised concerning a way to make the Banks that have property pay their assessments. Law Director Stacy Wall explained the process the City has to follow. It was noted that one name on the list had three assessments, and only paid two of the three for some reason.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Ordinance No. 10-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD. NO. 12-14 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

Ms. Wall stated American Legal Publishing Corporation has recommended the revision or addition of certain code sections of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Piqua. After the City Commission passes an Ordinance, the Clerk of Commission sends it to American Legal Publishing to be included in the next supplement. American Legal makes the revision and sends it back for review by the Clerk and the Law Director before sending the new supplement. Ordinance No. 12-14 accepts the 2013 supplement to the Code of Ordinance.

Commissioner Vogt stated the City Commission has been doing this for twelve years now and wondered why it has to be an done by an Ordinance and have three readings.

Law Director Wall explained, further stating she would look into it to see if could be approved by resolution instead of an ordinance in the future.

Ordinance No. 12-14 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-92-14

A Resolution awarding a contract to Sabre Industries, Inc. for the purchase of steel transmission poles for the Power System

Nick Berger, Assistant Power System Director provided the Staff Report.

In anticipation of the water plant project a pole-line load analysis was conducted by the Power System of the distribution feed to the new construction site. The current fed is a single phase underbuild on the 69kV transmission line, which will not support the needs of the new facility. An upgrade to a 3-phase will be needed to replace (9) nine poles to sufficiently accommodate the new 3 Phase underbuild. In addition the power system will replace two more poles between Sub 4 and Sub 5. Six bids were received and following a thorough analysis of the vendors capabilities and services Sabre Industries, LLC provided the lowest and best bid. The Power System has included a 20% contingency for any unforeseen expenses, stated Mr. Berger.

Commissioners asked several questions about the bid sheet and the dollar amounts not matching the Resolution. Mr. Berger stated he was sorry he had provided the wrong bid sheet and would provide the correct one to be inserted in Resolution No. R-92-14.

Resolution No. R-92-14 will have a not to exceed price of \$44,000, and in addition the Power System will purchase hardware at a price of \$36,000 for a total cost of material of \$80,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-92-14.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-92-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-92-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-93-14

A Resolution awarding a contract to Power Line Supply for the purchase of material for the Power System

Nick Berger, Assistant Power System Director provided the Staff Report.

In anticipation of the water plant project a pole-line load analysis was conducted by the Power System of the distribution feed to the new construction site. The current fed is a single phase underbuild on the 69kV transmission line, which will not support the needs of the new facility. An upgrade to a 3-phase will result in the need to replace (9) nine poles to sufficiently accommodate the new 3-Phase underbuild. Three bids were received and following a thorough analysis of the vendors capabilities and services Power Line Supply provided the lowest and best bid. In addition to Power Line Supply's base bid, the Power System has included a 20% contingency for any unforeseen expenses, stated Mr. Berger.

Resolution No. R-93-14 will have a not to exceed price of \$36,000, and in addition the Power System will purchase Steel Poles at a price of \$44,000 with the total cost for material being \$80,000,00, stated Mr. Berger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-93-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-93-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-93-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-94-14

A Resolution requesting authorization to purchase the real property and building(s) located at 9500 N. State Route 66, payable to Robert Starner, in the amount not to exceed \$110,000.

Water System Superintendent Don Freisthler provided the Staff Report.

We are nearing the final phase of the new Water Treatment Plant Project and a right of way is needed from the property located at 9500 N. St. Rt 66 for installation of the proposed utilities to the new site, stated Mr. Freisthler.

The City has an ongoing interest in acquiring this property due to its location below the hydraulic canal and the possibility of this property flooding should a breach in the levy occur. The appraisal has been completed and Mr. Starner has agreed to the total amount not to exceed \$110,000. with no relocation costs being provided.

Several questions were raised by the commissioners concerning demolition of the property and if all the houses in the area would need to be obtained. Mr. Freisthler provided the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-94-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-94-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-94-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-95-14

A Resolution approving the Tax Rates for the City as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission

Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple provided the Staff Report.

Every year about this time we request an approval of the certified tax rates which will be used to levy property tax on all general duplicates for 2014 to be collected in 2015. These certified rates require the approval of the City Commission and need to be certified to Miami County by October 1, 2014. Passage of Resolution No. R-95-14 will allow the City to continue to receive the collection of property tax revenue from Miami County which is vitally important to the General Fund, and day to day operations, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-94-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-95-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-95-14 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the city will begin a new Branding and Marketing Campaign on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

The Piqua Arts Council will hold their annual Art Exhibit at the Apple Tree Gallery September 25 an 26th, and encouraged citizens to stop by and look at the many exhibits on display.

Main Street paving should be completed by the end of the week, stated City Manager Huff.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commission Vogt reminded citizens to not blow their grass into the streets.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:30 P.M Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION