

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 16, 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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Absent: Mayor Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to excuse Mayor Fess from the September 16, 2014 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote; Aye, Martin, Vogt, Terry and Wilson, Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PREAREDNESS MONTH N THE CITY OF PIQUA

Vice Mayor Vogt read the proclamation and presented it to City of Piqua Law Director Stacy Wall. Ms. Wall stated she serves as the City of Piqua's Public Information Officer and provided a brief overview.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the September 2, 2014 Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-96-14

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

Assistant City Manager Justin Sommer stated Resolution No. R-96-14 appoints Diane Hart as a member of the Tree Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jesse Dotson for a term to expire March 1, 2017.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 12-14 (3rd 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 this is the third reading of Ordinance No. 12-14 and 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.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 12-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Ordinance No, 12.14 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-97-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Miami Count, Ohio for the purchase of road salt for the Street Department

Doug Harter, Public Works Director provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua belongs to the Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G), which will bid out road salt purchases on behalf of approximately 102 entities this year. Piqua has participated in this joint bid successfully for many years. This year the prices came back much higher than last years, and was due to the harsh winter last year. This year the snow removal staff will be extremely conservative with road salt usage, relying heavily on salt brine and calcium chloride applications. These alternative chemicals are available and less expensive to use, stated Mr. Harter. We estimate the usage this year to be around 3000 tons. The salt barn is currently empty and have tentatively committed to purchasing at least 1370 tons at a cost of \$115.85 per ton and up to \$121.64 per ton as a contingency, increasing by \$63.05 from \$52.80, stated Mr. Harter.

Several questions were raised concerning the delivery of the salt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-97-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-97-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay, None. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-97-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-98-14

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to contract with the Miami County Public Defender Commission

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff report.

Each year the City of Piqua contracts with the Miami County Public Defender Commission to provide legal services to indigents charged with loss-of-liberty offenses under the Piqua Code. The contract runs from Janaury1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for a total cost of \$20,341.13. The cost has not increased in the last several years, stated Ms. Wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-98-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-98-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay, None. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-98-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-99-14

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 Mainstreet Piqua

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Schmiesing stated this would allow the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Mainstreet Piqua for an even to be located at Lock 9 Park that relates to celebrating the River Corridor .The concept of the event is to heighten the awareness in the community about the Recreational Trail, and the water amenities that we have to offer in downtown Piqua. This is a great way to showcase the many opportunities the City of Piqua has to offer new residents and businesses.

Dr. James Burkhardt, lead organizer of the event “Down the River – Down a Beer” along with Mainstreet Piqua, came forward and provided a brief overview of the events that will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Lock 9 Park. A Canoe Float will take place from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. and Beer and Food Tasting will be offered from 4:00 – 7:-00 P.M. Music will also be provided by Jimmy Felts. Tickets are available at Mainstreet Piqua, and Can’t Stop Running in downtown Piqua. Only100 tickets will be sold, and the cost is \$50 per ticket. Fifteen craft beers will be offered, and there will be five stations with beer and food paired at each station. All food will be from Piqua restaurants. The funds raised from this event will be used to purchase automatic counters for the Recreational Bike Trail, stated Dr. Burkhardt.

Mr. Schmiesing provided additional information on the use and locations of the automatic Counters. Mr. Schmiesing further explained with the counters they would be able to register the activity on the bike trail more accurately rather than depending on volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-99-14.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-99-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay, None. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-99-14 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Fashner, 801 Forest Avenue came forward and provided a brief overview of the events that will take place at the upcoming Piqua Bike Fest that is to take place in downtown Piqua on September 19 & 20, 2014. They plan to recreate a picture that was take exactly one-hundred years ago to the day, September 20, 1914 in front of the Piqua Granite and the Piqua Milling buildings on Main Street. There will several photo sessions taken, vintage bikes will be displayed on High Street in front of the Plaza during the event. There will be live entertainment on the stage located downtown both days, along with a beer garden, and food vendors. Various other events will also take place Saturday out at Gover’s Harley Davidson business located on Route 36.

Mr. Fashner invited citizens to come out for a fun time, and to view the many old and new motorcycles that come to town for this historic event.

Vice Mayor Vogt wished the Piqua Bike Fest Committee best of luck on a successful event.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Sommer stated that City Manager Huff is attending the International City Managers Conference in Charlotte at this time, and will return at the end of the week.

Mr. Sommer also stated he and Commissioner Wilson took pies to the face demonstrating their “lack of knowledge” on some very difficult trivia questions as part of a segment for Piqua Channel 5 called “Kids Corner”. This really illustrates the real asset we have in TV 5 located in our Community, and the programming they provide.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Wilson stated there are two fun events coming up. The Piqua Bike Fest is this weekend, further stating you don't have to own a bike, just come out and enjoy the events and the entertainment as this is a family event, stated Commissioner Wilson. The "Down the River-Down a Beer" event is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th, at Lock Nine Park, so come out and support both of these exciting events.

Commissioner Terry stated she has received numerous calls voicing concern over the new bike lane, and the removal of one lane for traffic on South County Rd 25A. Commissioner Terry voiced her opinion stating that with the Bike Path being so close to the area she does not believe bicycles belong on County Rd. 25-A due to high volume of traffic. Commissioner Terry stated she would like to see the City rethink this move a little more.

Commissioner Martin encouraged everyone to come out to the Bike Fest this weekend, Further stating he hears there is never anything going on in Piqua. We had the Rock Piqua Concerts, now we have the Piqua Bike Fest, and Down the River-Down the Beer events.

Commissioner Vogt stated he hopes the Bike Fest event will become an annual event, as he knows it takes a lot of work to put together such an event. Over the years Piqua has had several events including the Underwear Festival, The Heritage Festival, and the Rock Piqua Concerts recently.

Commissioner Vogt stated he and Ruth Koon Chairperson of the Friends of the Piqua Parks, aired a segment Piqua Channel 5 on September 11, to help raise funds for the Pitsenbarger Memorial. Donations can be sent to Friends of the Piqua Parks, P. O. Box 270, Piqua, Ohio 45356, and are tax deductible, stated Commissioner Vogt.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:15 P.M Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION