

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

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2014 Regular City Commission Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 15-14 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 33-66 relating to the Municipal Income Tax

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

Ms. Holtzapple stated this is the second reading of Ordinance 15-14, and with the passage of the safety levy on November 4, 2014, Ordinance No.15-14 adds the new rates for the additional .25% tax beginning January 1, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No, 15-14.

Ordinance No. 15-14 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 16-14 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No .8-14 and codified as Ordinance No. 52.20, Exhibit A, Electrical Service Rates and Terms

Ed Krieger, Power Systems Director presented the Staff Report.

The City has moved from a Power Supply mainly composed of market purchases to one that is primarily asset ownership. A recently completed cost-of-service study recommends implementation of the amended electric rates to ensure proper cost allocation among customer classes. Ordinance 16-14 amends Ordinance 8-14 and is codified as Section 52.20.

Mayor Fess asked Mr. Krieger to provide a brief overview on how AMP Ohio and Dayton Power and Light provide electric service to the city.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Krieger for the brief explanation of services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 16-14.

Ordinance No. 16-1-4 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 17-14 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2015

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

This is the second of three reading of Ordinance No. 17-14. The City Commission reviewed the Department Budgets at their Budget Meetings on November 13, and November 20, 2014.

The City is required to present and pass the 2015 Annual Budget by the end of the year, and would like to have it passed at the December 16 Commission Meeting, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

City Manager Gary Huff stated the City is waiting to see what happens with House Bill 5, further stating it will be divesting for many communities including Piqua if it is passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 17-14.

Ordinance No. 17-14 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 18-14 (2nd Reading)

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

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

During the past year the City completed a pay classification study, as this had not been completed in several years. The study only considered positions listed on Schedule A, with 29 surveys being sent out. Positions and pay ranges were reviewed to ensure that not only external comparability had been taken into consideration but also internal comparability, stated City Manager Huff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 18-14.

Ordinance No. 18-14 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 19-14 (2nd Reading)

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

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

The State of Ohio has increased the minimum wage effective January 1, 2015 from \$7.95 per hour to \$8.10 per hour. The wages on Schedule A-12 have been changed to reflect the increase, and is the only change made to Schedule A-1 at this time, stated City Manager Huff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 19-14.

Ordinance No. 19-14 was given a second reading.

ORD. NO. 20-14 (2nd^t Reading)

An Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33 and enacting a new Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code Relating to Employee Policy

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

Staff recommends the changes to Chapter 33 revising the date of the health insurance coverage to reflect the current benefit year as well as the reduction to the City's contribution to the employee's health savings or health reimbursement account, and increasing the amount that an employee can earn by participating in certain wellness activities

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 20-14.

Ordinance No. 20-14 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-125-14

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Cecelia Stoler as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the proclamation stating the city appreciates her service over her 30 years of service to the citizens of Piqua.

Commissioner Wilson stated Cecelia was very personable and worked well with the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-125-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-125-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-125-14 adopted.

RES. NO. R-126-14

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Miami Valley Risk Management Association for purchase of insurance.

Stacy Wall, Law Director, provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua has carried property and liability insurance through the Miami Valley Risk Management Association since 2002 and would like to continue for the calendar year 2015. The premium for 2015 will be \$348,236.00, which is a decrease from the 2014 premium, stated Ms. Wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-126-14.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-126-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-127-14

A Resolution requesting authorization to increase the purchase order to CDM Smith for Additional Design Services incurred during the design phase of the New Water Treatment Plant

Don Friesthler, Water Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua entered into an agreement with CDM Smith in November of 2012 for engineering design services for the new Water Treatment Plant. During the course of the design, several additional items were included that were not part of the original scope of the work, One of the items is the relocation of two existing transmission lines from underneath the bridge on SR 66 and being buried underground, and also design on an on-site septic system.

Throughout the bid process items were needed to be amended through addendums in the plans and project manuals. Conformed Documents are needed to incorporate changes that were made to the design of the plant during the bid process and combine them into one set of construction drawings and specifications, stated Mr. Friesthler.

Bob Yoxthimer of CDM Smith came forward and provided additional information regarding the reason for the increase in the project funds at this time.

Commissioners asked several questions with Mr. Yoxthimer providing answers to their inquiries.

Mayor Fess asked what the anticipated time frame is on the project. Mr. Friesthler stated they hope to award the contract at the first City Commission Meeting in January of 2015, with construction beginning in February or March, which is anticipated to take approximately 30 months to complete, and hope to be up and running in 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-127-14.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-127-14 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the city employees are participating in the Give Program, providing food items for high school students during the holiday break.

City Manager Huff also stated that the city employees are working with the Salvation Army again this year, adopting a family to provide gifts and food for the holiday.

City Manager Huff announced MainStreet Piqua will be hosting Christmas on the Green on Friday evening December 5, from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. and encouraged all to attend.

City Manager Huff also announced the City of Piqua will be participating and will have a float in the Holiday Parade on Saturday December 6 at 2:00 P.M , and encouraged citizens to

come downtown and enjoy the parade and activities.

City Manager Huff announced the 2014 Holly Jolly 5K/10K Run will take place on Saturday December 6, at 10:00 A.M.

City Manager Huff stated the Piqua City School District will dedicate the two new Primary Schools on Sunday, December 7, 2014. Springcreek School at 1:30, and Washington School at 3:30 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Vogt congratulated Cecelia Stoler on her retirement, stating she was always a very congenial employee.

Commissioner Vogt encouraged citizens to come downtown Friday and Saturday to enjoy Christmas on the Green, and the Holiday Parade.

Commissioner Martin stated he echoed all of Commissioner Vogt's comments.

Commissioner Terry also congratulated Cecelia on her 30 years of service to the citizens of Piqua.

Commissioner Wilson challenged citizen to do something nice for someone this holiday season. Pay it forward by helping a neighbor or someone who needs a helping hand. Think about what you have, and help make someone else's holiday season a happy one, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Mayor Fess also commented on the pay-it-forward program, and encouraged citizens to Volunteer at the many organizations in Piqua, and lend a helping hand this holiday season.

Mayor Fess encouraged citizens to attend Christmas on the Green, and the Holiday Parade to Come down and enjoy the fellowship with the community.

Mayor Fess thanked Cecelia Stoler for her 30 years of service to the citizens of Piqua, further stating the whole Huffman family has always been very supportive of the City

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:14 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