

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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 Terry, Wilson, and Martin, Washington Township Trustees Hiegel, and Hartley. Absent: Commissioner Vogt, Trustee McMaken.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to excuse Commissioner Vogt from the Joint Meeting with the Washington Township Trustees, and the Regular City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Fess. Nay, None.

No motion was made to excuse Trustee McMaken at this time.

**JOINT MEETING WITH WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2014 Joint Meeting of the Washington Township Trustees and Piqua City Commission

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the minutes of the January 7, 2014 Joint Meeting of the Washington Township Trustees and the Piqua City Commission be approved. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Martin, Wilson, Terry, Hartley and Hiegel. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-1-15**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Board of Trustees of Forest Hill Union Cemetery

City Manager Huff stated this resolution reappoints Lucinda L. Fess to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Forest Hill Union Cemetery to expire on December 31, 2017.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-1-15 be adopted. Roll call, Trustee Hiegel, Trustee Hartley, Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Martin. Nay: None. Mayor Fess abstained stating she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Forest Hill Union Cemetery and the resolution is for her reappointment to the Board. Mayor Fess declared Resolution R-1-14 adopted.

Moved by Trustee Hiegel, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Joint Meeting with the Washington Township Trustees and the Piqua City Commission at 7:33 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Hiegel, Hartley, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**AWARD PRESENTATION BY MAINSTREET PIQUA: DIRECTOR – LORNA SWISHER**

Lorna Swisher MainStreet Piqua Director presented the Downtown Piqua Holiday Parade Grand Marshal's Choice Traveling Trophy to the City of Piqua Float.

Devon Alexander representing the City of Piqua Leadership Development Team that put together the float accepted the traveling trophy. Mr. Alexander thanked MainStreet Piqua and Lorna Swisher on behalf of the City of Piqua and the Leadership Development Team.

Mayor Fess congratulated and thanked Mr. Alexander and the leadership Development Team for bringing the Traveling Trophy to the City of Piqua this year.

## **REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **Consent Agenda**

City Manager Huff asked that Resolution 2-15 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be presented at this time.

#### **RES. NO. R-2-15**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the public service of Gary Root as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Root. We appreciate the 30 years of service Mr. Root has given to the City of Piqua, and the community.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-2-15 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Root accepted the Resolution of appreciation and thanked the City and the Commission for giving him the opportunity to serve the city and the citizens of Piqua for 30 years.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2014 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

#### **RES. NO. R-3-15**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the public service of Christine Gerlach as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the proclamation stating the City of Piqua appreciates Ms. Gerlach's 30 years of service to the City of Piqua and the community.

#### **RES. NO. R-4-15**

A Resolution reappointing Lucinda L. Fess to the Grown Piqua Now Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution R- 4-15 reappoints Lucinda L.Fess to the Grow Piqua Now Board for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

#### **RES. NO. R-5-15**

A resolution reappointing Lloyd Shoemaker to the Western Ohio TV Consortium (WOTVC) Board

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RES. NO. R- 6-15**

A Resolution authorizing the City Purchasing Analyst to advertise for bids to make certain purchases during the year 2015

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

City Manager Huff stated the City is required to advertise for bids for any capital

or operational purchase the City makes that are over \$25,000 in a newspaper of local circulation. The Piqua Daily Call is used for this purpose. This is requested at the first Commission meeting each year, and this is the formal request to fulfill this commitment.

Commissioner Martin asked if any of the items are on the State Bid list. City Manager Huff stated they will check first before sending out to other vendors.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-6-15

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-6-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-6-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-7-15**

A Resolution requesting authorization to increase the current purchase order (R-46-14) for the Engineering Design and Bidding Services for the West Interceptor to the Echo Lake Project

Storm Water Coordinator Devon Alexander, provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Alexander stated since the initial design was done, it was determined that the property owner will not allow the original design to take place because the current lay out will interfere with his working septic system. The septic system was unknown and not disclosed by the property owner when the initial design was done. As a result, we are asking for the additional \$5000 to help cover the additional cost for the design change, stated Mr. Alexander.

Commissioner Wilson inquired as to the time frame of the project. Mr. Alexander stated they hope to have the project completed by fall of 2015.

**Public comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-7-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-7-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess declared Resolution No. R-7-15 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Jaqua, N. Sunset Drive came forward and inquired about changing the City of Piqua form of government to allow both a full time paid Mayor plus a full time City Manager, and change the Police Policy for the appointment of the Police Chief in the future.

Law Director Stacy Wall provided information regarding the current Charter and the form of government the City of Piqua Charter states that is followed at this time. Ms. Wall stated any change would have to be done by a Charter Change and voted on.

Mr. Jaqua further stated he would like to see the changes discussed in a forum in the future if possible. Piqua has the lowest per capita income within the neighboring communities, stated Mr. Jaqua and would like to see that change.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff stated the City Street Crews have been working 12 hour shifts for snow removal on residential streets, and will continue until they are all cleaned.

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Martin reminded citizens to be careful driving as this is the first snow of the season.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Chris Gerlach and Garry Root on their 30 years of service to the City of Piqua, and the citizens, and wished them well on their retirement.

Commissioner Terry stated she has heard from another nay-sayer about the removal of the traffic lights at High and College who stated they are now very happy with the 4-way stop. We are hearing a lot of good things about the 4-way stop now, stated Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Wilson also congratulated Chris Gerlach and Gary Root on their 30 years of service to the City, and the citizens of Piqua, and also wished them well on their retirement.

Mayor Fess wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year. We are looking forward to a lot of exciting things' happening in the City of Piqua in 2015, as there is a lot going on. With the great leadership of our City Manager and this Commission, I think we can get a lot accomplished, stated Mayor Fess. Look at all of the things that we were able to accomplish in 2014, and know more can be accomplished in 2015, said Mayor Fess.

Mayor Fess congratulated Chris Gerlach, and Gary Root on their retirement, further stating the City of Piqua is fortunate to have so many dedicated employees.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:00 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Fess. Nay, None.

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

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