

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, February 3, 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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: Mayor Fess.

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

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 1-15 (2nd Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Piqua Code, relating to garbage and refuse

Amy Welker, Director of Health & Sanitation provided the Staff Report.

Ordinance No. 1-1-5 cleans up the language and aligns with current practices and cleans up the language, also adding language to prepare for the addition of curbside recycling as a service that will be offered by the Sanitation Department. The changes do not include any additional rate adjustments or fee increases, stated Ms. Welker.

Amendments include adding a definition of bulk items and limiting these items to 3 per week; definition of recyclable material and the requirement of the items to be placed in a container provided by the city which will remain the property of the city, and customers will be charged for replacement of the container if misused; clarifies yard waste is to be placed in paper biodegradable bags; also adds recyclables to the list of items that are not to be tampered with once they are placed out for pickup by customers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 1-15.

Several questions were raised by Commissioners concerning the type and size of the new carts, can the current red recycling bins still be used, and if smaller carts would be available.

Ms. Welker answered all questions.

Ordinance No. 1-15 was given a Second Reading.

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

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$165,000 of Bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of a building known as the Zollinger Building and associated interests in real property

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

The City of Piqua has declared the necessity of the Zollinger building and associated interests in real property for future development. The City wishes to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, and estimates the life of the improvements at least 5 years, and certifies the maximum maturity of the bonds issued for thirty (30) years, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring the Ordinance to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 2-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Ordinance No. 2-15 adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 3-15 (1<sup>ST</sup> READING)**

An Ordinance amending Section 77.01 – Traffic Schedules Adopted, Schedule IV and Schedule VII of the Piqua Code, relating to four-way stop intersections and traffic control devices

City Engineer, Amy Havenar provided the Staff Report.

In May of 2012, the City was notified of our award of a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant for the construction of infrastructure projects around the Piqua Junior High School site, Washington Intermediate School site, and the Wilder Intermediate School site. As a part of these construction improvements, there will be modifications to the traffic control devices within the project limits. The following areas will be modified:

- Park Avenue & Westview Drive – Convert from 2-way stop to a 4-way stop.
- Park Avenue & Parkway Drive – Convert from 2-way stop to a 4-way stop.
- College Street & Ash Street – Remove existing traffic signal and make a 2-way stop with Ash Street being the stop street.
- College Street & Greene Street – Remove existing traffic signal and make a 2-way stop with Greene Street being the stop street.
- College Street & North Street – Remove existing traffic signal and make a 2-way stop with North Street being the stop street.
- Broadway & North Street – Remove existing traffic signal and make a 2-way stop with North Street being the stop street.
- Downing Street and W. High Street – Remove the existing traffic signal and make a 4-way stop.
- Downing Street and Ash Street – Remove existing traffic signal and make a 4-way stop.

All of these intersections were evaluated as a part of the Intersection Improvements Study and as a part of the Safe Routes to School design. While the Safe Routes to School Project is not scheduled to be constructed until this summer, we are bringing this ordinance before Commission at this time due to the lengthy timeframe that it takes to remove a signal.

Commissioners raised several questions concerning the removal of the Traffic Signal at Broadway and North Streets due to the close proximity of the Piqua Catholic North Street School Campus. Commissioners stated they would like to see a 4-way stop at Broadway and North St.

City Engineer, Amy Havenar explained how the rectangular rapid flashing beacons would work, stating they are very attention grabbing.

City Manager Huff explained the reason for the removal of the traffic signals, further stating the Commission approved the Transportation Plan previously which covered the removal of traffic signals.

Commissioner Terry asked if the Safe Routes to School Program and the grant money would be affected if the City did not follow the guidelines they had set in place. Law Director Stacy Wall provided additional information regarding the use of the grant money.

City Manager Huff stated it is the responsibility of the City to make sure the city streets are safe for travel.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim McMaken, Miami County YMCA Director, came forward and voiced his concern about removing the traffic signals at Downing and High Streets. The YMCA utilizes the buildings on three of the four corners and have children and adults crossing between buildings at all times. Mr. McMaken stated he would like to see a 4-way stop instead of a 2-way stop put in at High and Downing Streets with possibly a bump-out curb to slow traffic down in the area. A detailed email was sent to all Commissioners outlining his request, stated Mr. McMaken.

Commissioner Terry asked if the curb bump-out could be totally cement without any landscape in them? City Engineer Amy Havenar provided additional information.

Don Kuchata, Walker Street, came forward and voiced his concern about about the removal of the traffic signals on College Street and at North and Broadway. Mr. Kuchata is worried about the weekend traffic with people attending Church and not being able to cross the streets safely. There have been numerous accidents at College and Ash Streets, and Mr. Kuchata feels removing the traffic signals will cause more accidents, and asked if the Police Department could look at the intersection.

Ordinance No. 3-15 was given a First Reading.

### **RES. NO. R-20-15**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Bowser-Momer, Inc. for the testing and observation services for the new Water Treatment Plant project

Assistant Water Plant Superintendent, Bob Jennings provided the Staff Report.

As a part of the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant, the City is responsible for contracting with a consultant to provide the necessary testing and observation services for a variety of the components associated with the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant as per the specifications. A few of those services are as follows:

- Quality Control
- Earthwork
- Trenching, Backfill & Compaction
- Unit Masonry
- Reinforcing Steel
- Cast-in-Place Concrete
- Asphalt Pavement
- Structural Steel

After soliciting for Request for Qualifications (RFQ's), Bowser-Morner, Inc. was selected to provide a Technical Proposal for the engineering design services.

Commissioner Vogt asked if Boswer-Morner has been used before in the city projects.

City Engineer, Amy Havenar stated all of the projects completed by the Engineering Department have used Bower-Morner, and the Piqua City Schools are using them for the new School buildings.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-20-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-20-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-20-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-21-15**

A Resolution acquiring the services of Power System engineering, Inc. to provide Professional Engineering Services for the City.

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

Over the past several years, the power system has invested a significant amount of time and money in a variety of technologies. These technologies not only increase the reliability of our utility but also enhance the day-to-day effectiveness of our operations. Through these advancements, the power system has the ability to enter in new technology markets like Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI), and Distribution Automation and Substation Modernization. However, it is important these new capabilities integrate with our existing operations. It is also important to develop a strategic implementation plan that will prioritize future technologies.

Power System Engineering, Inc. (PSE) has developed a technology work plan proposal tailored to our situation and identified needs. PSE's staff has the expertise and the experience in a variety of areas including: utility strategic planning, hands-on technology solutions for SCADA, distribution automation, system integration, substation automation, AMI, GIS, OMS, and meter data management systems. The power system has requested PSE to present their final plan during the June energy board meeting.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-21-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-21-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-21-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-22-15**

A resolution awarding a contract to Niagara Transformer Corporation for the purchase of a transformer for the Power System

Assistant Power Systems Director, Nick Berger provided the Staff Report

Each year the Power System solicits bids to replenish transformer inventory. Bids were received from two vendors for a replacement transformer for the induction furnace transformer at Champion Foundry on January 13, 2015. As is standard procedure, the bids were evaluated on a present value basis for the total cost to own and operate over a twenty-five year expected life. This evaluation considers not only the initial cost but also the operational cost associated with the transformer core and winding losses, stated Mr. Berger.

The existing transformer at Champion Foundry has no back-up. It was purchased as a used emergency replacement in May of 2010 and was manufactured in 1977. Once the replacement transformer is received and installed; the existing transformer will serve as an emergency back-up. Niagara Transformer Corp. was the successful bidder for a replacement transformer for Champion Foundry's induction furnace transformer at a cost of \$92,090, stated Mr. Berger.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-22-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-22-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No R-22-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R- 23-15**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Ermco for the purchase of transformers for the Power System Assistant Power Systems Director, Nick Berger provided the Staff Report.

Each year the Power System solicits bids to replenish transformer inventory. On January 23, 2015 bids were received from six vendors for transformers of various sizes, voltages, and quantities, said Mr. Berger. As is standard procedure, the bids were evaluated on a present value basis for the total cost to own and operate over a twenty-five year expected life. This evaluation considers not only the initial cost but also the operational cost associated with the transformer core and winding losses. The lowest and best bid was received from Ermco for three (3) transformers totaling \$52,542, stated Mr. Berger.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-23-15

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-23-5 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-23-15 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**City Manager's Report**

Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Justin Sommer introduced the new Development Program Director Nikki Reese. Ms. Reese thanked the City of Piqua for giving her the opportunity, and provided a brief overview of her background.

City Manager Huff announced the City Commission would have a Work Session on Thursday February 12, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers in the Municipal Government Complex. Topics include: Wastewater Treatment Plant Update; Economic Development Update; Plaza Curfew Restrictions; and Hunting Regulations.

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Mike Gutmann on receiving the Order of George Award.

Commissioner Wilson reminded citizen they can contact Commissioners either by a letter, telephone, or email to voice their concerns and comments.

Commissioner Martin inquired if the City Commissioner's telephone numbers were listed on the City's Facebook Page? City Manager Huff stated no, but they are listed in all of the publications.

Commissioner Vogt stated the City Commissioners do not always agree on all of the items before them. However, Commissioner Vogt feels they do a good job on discussing the pros and cons to arrive at the answers, and he is very proud of the City Commission and how they work together.

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

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WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

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