

PIQUA CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, February 12, 2015
7:30 P.M.

Piqua City Commission met at 7:30 A.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 Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Absent: Vogt.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to excuse Commissioner Vogt from the City Commission Work Session of February 12, 2015. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Fess, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously to excuse Commissioners Vogt.

Piqua City Commission Work Session

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Wastewater Superintendent Dave Burtner introduced Bob Yoxthimer and Mark George(Project Engineer) of CDM Smith. A brief overview was presented on the reason they are asking to amend the Facility Plan Preliminary Engineering Plan that was completed in 2013.

Commissioners asked several questions about the water process, storm water flow, current capacity and what the max capacity will be in the future plant. All questions were answered by Mr. Yoxthimer and Mr. George.

Mayor Fess thanked Mr. Burtner, Mr. Yoxthimer and Mr. George of CDM Smith for taking the time to provide the update at this time.

Hunting Regulations

City Manager Huff stated he has received numerous requests to hunt within the city.

Police Chief Jamison passed out a map and additional information on the current Piqua Code Section 137.09: Discharging Firearms, and 90;11 Hunting and Trapping Prohibited.

Police Chief Jamison stated he would like to see some additional information added to the existing **Code Section 137.09**, eliminate some language and in **Code Section 90.11 (C)** add additional language. The additional and deleted language was provided in the handout.

Mayor Fess stated she has had numerous calls about the deer population coming into yards on Park Avenue and roaming around and in the streets.

Commissioners raised several questions concerning areas marked on the map that Chief Jamieson provided, if hunting was only allowed during a specific season, if hunting permits were required on private and public property.

Chief Jamieson answered all questions further stating that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is also involved in the use of hunting in the city.

City Manager Huff stated he just wanted to update the Commission on what is going on and get their input on what they would like to see happen. Mr. Huff further stated he will take the information back and bring in back to commission for consideration in a future Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Wilson stated he would like to see more information on where the boundaries would be and how it would be enforced.

All Commissioners present were in agreement on looking into the changes requested.

Plaza Curfew Restrictions

City Manager Huff stated there have been some problems with kids hanging out in front of the Ft. Piqua Plaza and blocking people from going in and out of the Library and the Plaza.

Police Chief Bruce Jamison handed out a copy of **Code Section 94.23 Curfew and Prohibitions on Use of Parks and Gazebo**. Chief Jamison state he would like to see the changes in the current policy and have additional language added to section 94.23 (l) as stated in the handout.

The use of Loitering Signs was discussed but Chief Jamison stated the courts do not like to enforce the loitering charges for some reason.

City Manager Huff stated they will continue to look into the situation and get back to the Commission.

All Commissioners present were in agreement to move forward with changes.

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Justin Sommer provided a brief power-point presentation on Economic Development projects in the

A HYPE video was shown on Workforce Development narrated by Andrew Snyder.

City Manager Gary Huff stated one of the main reasons Winans moved and stayed in the downtown area is because of the new Riverfront Project.

City Manager Huff also provided information on the Roundabout that the City would like to see in the southwest quadrant of the City to best handle traffic in the future. There are funds available to help with the funding of the roundabout and we need to take advantage of the funding. Having roundabouts already in place attracts development to the area to handle the additional traffic, stated City Manager Huff.

There was discussion of the match funds the city would be responsible for and what fund it would come from, all questions were answered.

City Manager Huff stated there are a lot of things happening in the City of Piqua.

There were questions regarding the purchase of land in the future and where located and if there were options on any specific parcels at this time. City Manager Huff stated they have been talking with Rob Alexander with Teeters Real Estate about annexing more of their land.

All Commissioners present agreed we need to improve the workforce in Piqua.

City Manager Huff stated he would provide additional information on all the things happening in Piqua, further stating that Nikki Reese, City Program Manager, has applied for CDBG funds to use within the city.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Piqua City Commission Work Session at 9:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION