

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 17, 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. Absent: Vogt.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to excuse Commissioner Vogt from the March 17, 2015 Regular City Commission Meeting. Voice vote: Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, and Terry. Nay: None.

Mayor Fess acknowledged Cub Scout Troup 365 from Troy, Ohio who were in attendance after taking a tour of the City Government Offices. Mayor Fess asked each member to give their name.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to remove the Amended Minutes of the March 3, 2015 from the table and include in the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the February 17, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

Approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-37-15

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of William J. Collins as a City Employee

RES. NO. R-38-15

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

RES. NO. R-39-15

A Resolution reappointing an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

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RES. NO. R-41-15

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board

RES. NO. R-42-15

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Energy Board

RES. NO. R-43-15

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Golf Advisory Board

RES. NO. R-44-15

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Golf Advisory Board

RES. NO. R-45-15

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

RES. NO. R-46-15

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

RES. NO. R-47-15

A Resolution appointing a member to the Stormwater Utility Board

RES. NO. R-48-15

A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

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A Resolution appointing a member to the Tree Committee

RES. NO. R-50-15

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Planning Commission

RES. NO. R-51-15

A Resolution appointing a member to the Planning Commission

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. No. 4-15

An Ordinance amending Section 94.21 of the Piqua Code, relating to fees for use of Park Facilities

Brian Brookhart, Assistant Public Works Director, provided the Staff Report.

The Park Board members unanimously approved raising the fees relating to the use of Park Facilities. The last time the fees for Park Facilities were raised was in 2009, stated Mr. Brookhart. The increase in fees will help offset the operating cost and maintenance on the buildings. The proposed increases provides a discounted rate to those who live within the Piqua corporation limits. There was discussion on the rental on the house located in Hollow Park. Law Director Stacy Wall stated she is still waiting on additional information regarding the house lease.

Mayor Fess stated this is the second reading of Ordinance No. 4-15.

Ordinance No. 4-15 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-52-15

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and enter into a supplemental Water Pollution Control Loan Fund agreement on behalf of the City of Piqua for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Wastewater Facilities; and designation a dedicated repayment source for the loan

Dave Davis, Wastewater Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report

The amended facility plan calls for a new and approved liquid treatment trail that will handle all projected flows. This information was presented to the City Commission at the February Work Session, and is also approved by the OEPA .The amended plan requires the City perform detailed design but the original loan amount requested will not cover the cost for this option. The City will submit a supplemental loan application to WPCLF-DEFA for the additional funds needed, stated Mr. Davis.

There was discussion on how the funds would be paid back, at what rate, and the total amount to be borrowed at this time.

Mr. Davis provided the information.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-52-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-52-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-52-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-53-15

A Resolution amending the agreement with LJB, Inc. for the right-of-way acquisition services for the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

In September of 2014 the City Commission approved the agreement with LJB for the Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project. Since LJB began their extensive research into the right-of-way for this project, this prompted the Miami County Tax Map Department to make revisions to the county map records, which significantly impacted the project, stated Ms. Havenar.

As a result additional research will be necessary to be able to adequately identify the ownership of the parcels along Commercial Street, as well as have LJB, Inc. draw up the right-of-way plans and complete title searches & reports, appraisals, acquisitions, and title updates & closing as part of the right-of-way acquisition process.

There was discussion and questions regarding the quiet titles and what they are, if any of the property owners would lose or gain additional footage to their properties, and how the bike path would be affected. Ms. Havenar and Dan Hoying of LJB provided information to questions and concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-53-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-53-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-53-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-54-15

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with the Piqua Youth Football Association

RES. NO. R-55-15

A Resolution authorizing a three year lease with the Piqua Youth Soccer Association (PYSA)

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report for both Resolution R-54-15 and R-55-15..

Ms. Wall stated both of these are three-year renewal of previous contract and have had long term agreements with both the Soccer Association, and the Youth Football Association. There are no changes to either of the contracts at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-54-15

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-54-15 and R-55-25 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolutions No. R-54-15 and R-55-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-56-15

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Bobcat Company for the purchase of an excavator, attachments and utility vehicle

Todd Brandenburg, Underground Utilities Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

The Bobcat E63 excavator will replace the department's aging backhoe with newer technology, compact size, and the versatility to perform various tasks. This piece of equipment was demonstrated by the Underground Utilities Staff and they determined it to be the best piece of equipment to replace the existing backhoe. The excavator portion of the purchase will be through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, and will total \$88,062.85 including the attachments. This resolution also includes the purchase of a Bobcat 3400 Utility Vehicle also on the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program totaling \$20,489.68 and will include a road package allowing staff to utilize this piece of equipment for various maintenance tasks, stated Mr. Brandenburg.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-56-15

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-56-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-56-15 adopted.

Mayor Fess stated the Law Director has asked the Commission to permanently table Resolutions R-57-15, R-58-15, and R-59-15 stating they have received the necessary signatures and do not need the Resolutions.

RES. NO. R-57-15

A Resolution to authorize the commencement of the appropriation of right-of-way on 1712 Park Avenue, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio in the Common Pleas Court of Miami County, Ohio for public Purposes

RES. NO. R-58-15

A Resolution to authorize the commencement of the appropriation of right-of-way on 230 W. High Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio in the Common Pleas Court of Miami County, Ohio for public Purposes

RES. NO. R-59-15

A Resolution to authorize the commencement of the appropriation of right-of-way on 1846 Park Avenue, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio in the Common Pleas Court of Miami County, Ohio for public Purposes

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to table Resolutions No, R-57-15, R-58-15, and R-59-15 permanently. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously to permanently table Resolutions R-57-15, R-58-15, and R-59-15.

MONTHLY REPORTS - JANUARY 2015

Monthly Reports were accepted.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff stated the bids are out for paving services this year and they plan to start earlier this year.

Also the Public Works Department has made paving and patching a top priority this year, and will begin working soon.

City Manager Huff announced the Joint Local Government Innovations Grant has been approved with the Miami County Parks District, Covington, Bradford, and the Johnston Farm to extend the Trail System to the east, west, and north.

City Manager Huff also stated there are many special events taking place this year, these events bring a lot of visitors to the City of Piqua. The St. Patrick's Day Race started today at 6:30 P.M. and there were hundreds of visitors in town attending the race and eating in the restaurants. City Manager Huff further stated he is looking forward to all of the events this year that are going to fill the stores and restaurants with visitors.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin inquired about paving in the Shawnee neighborhood, and if some top coat could be put on until the paving can be done. City Manager Huff stated they will continue to do work on the streets, and plan to get the street by the Pump Station completed this year.

Commissioner Terry stated she has received complaints about drivers making rolling stops at the intersection of High and College Street, and asked if it would be possible to have police presence in that area from time to time to observe the traffic.

Commissioner Terry also mention she has had complaints about the five green houses located in the area of High and College Street. It seems there is a large amount of trash sitting on one of the porches of one of the homes, and would like to have someone address the trash issue if possible.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Bill Collins on his retirement and his twenty-five years of service to the Piqua Police Department, and the citizens of Piqua.

Mayor Fess read Officer Bill Collins Resolution of Appreciation in full and presented it Police Chief Jamison and Deputy Chief Grove asking they see that Mr. Collins receives the resolution.

Mayor Fess stated she has spoken with Chris Schmiesing and plans for the Rock Piqua Concerts are moving forward, and she is excited. The concert series was so well accepted last year, and there are a lot of people looking forward to the concerts again this year.

Mayor Fess stated on behalf of the City Commission she wanted to extend their deepest sympathy to Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple and her family on the loss of her mother.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:10 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION