

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, April 7, 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, Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: None.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**PROCLAMATION – MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Dave Griffin.

Mr. Griffin thanked the City of Piqua and the Commissioners for the proclamation and provided a brief overview of his plans to take the Proclamation to State House along with other proclamations from Region 6.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**RES. NO. R-60-15**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Kenneth C. Watson, Jr. as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Bob Bowman and asked him to see that Mr. Watson receives it.

**RES. NO. R-61-15**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of David A Short as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to David Short.

Mr. Short thanked the City of Piqua, the City Commission, his fellow Police Officers, and Prosecutor Stacy Wall.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. No. 4-15** (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

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.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 4-15 be adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to take Resolution No. 33-15 tabled on March 3, 2015 off the table for consideration. Roll call, Aye Vogt, Terry, Martin, Wilson, and Fess. Nay: None.

**Resolution No. 33-15 (Tabled 3-3-15)**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to the KE Rose Company for purchase and installation of specialized equipment in Police Vehicles

Deputy Chief of Police, Tom Steiner presented the Staff Report.

Deputy Chief Steiner stated Resolution No, R-33-15 was tabled at the March 3, 2015. Resolution No. 33-15 was tabled at the March 3, 2015 City Commission meeting as a formal bid process was requested. The bid process has been completed at this time with KE Rose still submitting the lowest bid. The Police Department has been very satisfied with the workmanship and service provided by KE Rose on previous vehicles, stated Deputy Chief Steiner.

Commissioner Martin stated he would like to amend Resolution R-33-15 in Section 1, to change the not to exceed figure from \$40,567 to \$31,992.04.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to amend Resolution R-33-15 under Section 1, to change the not to exceed figure from \$40,567 to \$31,992.04. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution R-33-15 be adopted, as amended. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Terry and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R33-15 adopted, as amended.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-62-15**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Lock Nine Park and Linear Park to Mainstreet Piqua

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Schmiesing stated the Down a River Down a Beer- Recreational Trail Celebration is an event that aims to attract people to the riverfront area, to raise the profile of the water trail and recreational system. Offer samplings of a variety of beer and food, with food product highlighting local restaurants. This will also include a musical performer that adds to the quality of the experience, and to help raise funds to support the maintenance and promotion of the river corridor and the recreational trail system.

**Public Comment**

Dr. Jim Burkhardt, a committee member came forward and provided a brief overview of some of the activities scheduled with run and bike activities on the Bike Trail, music, various foods, and a beer tasting with over 80 beers to sample. All proceeds will go to the River Stewart Fund, stated Dr. Burkhardt. This will be held in conjunction with MainStreet Piqua and the Piqua Arts Council.

Mayor Fess thanked Dr. Burkhardt and Mr. Schmiesing

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-62-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-62-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-63-15**

A Resolution authorizing a Three Year Lease with Piqua Youth Baseball and Softball Association (PYBSA)

Stacy Wall, Law Director, provided the Staff Report.

This is a 3 year lease with the Piqua Youth Baseball and Softball Association for lease of the baseball fields and concession stand at Pitsenbarger Park. Ms. Wall stated she has spoken with the leader and the association and there have been no changes this time, everything is the same as before.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-63-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-63-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-63-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-64-15**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Consolidated Fabricators for the purchase of an exhaust and inlet system for #9 gas turbine

Bob Bowman, Assistant Power Systems Director, provided the Staff Report.

The Power System owns and operates two combustion gas turbines. They provide a significant economic benefit to Piqua Customers effectively saving our customers over \$1,000,000 annually. The agreement with PJM, through American Municipal Power (AMP) requires an annual full load test to verify that the gas turbines are capable of generating. Failure to comply results in significant financial penalty to the City. The option to not repair #9 gas turbine will subject the City's electric customers to higher electric cost and eliminate the possibility of backing up the City's power supply with our generation resource, stated Mr. Bowman.

City Manager Huff pointed out that Consolidated Fabricators is a division of Braden Manufacturing.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated a few years ago the City had a significant amount of damage done to a turbine and it had to be rebuilt. This particular turbine was one that the insurance company stated needed significant improvements, and a plan was put into place two years ago for that improvement, but due to budgeting is now being done.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 64-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. 64-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously,

**RES. NO. R-65-15**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Franklin Equipment LLC for the purchase of a new Wheel Loader for the Public Works Department

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

Mr. Brookhart stated the Public Works Department would like to purchase a 2015 Wheel Loader for the Parks Department and will come with a heated/ac cab. Several options are also included, a salt spreader, snow blower, snow blade, and a narrowing kit. The loader has a high flow hydraulic systems that will allow it to use turf and landscape attachments that we already have for the Bobcat.

This will be used to maintain the playground mulch, for turf renovation and enhancements, planting trees, and other parks maintenance, stated Mr. Brookhart.

City Manager Huff stated this was also under the State Contract and that it is good to go out for bid.

Mr. Brookhart stated it is hard to find something comparable.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the use of the attachments and what various functions they can perform.

**Public Comment**

Nick Alexander, Roosevelt Avenue, came forward and asked if it could be used on the bike path to clear the snow, as Miami County and Troy keep their part of the path clear of snow.

City Manager Huff stated we do the best we can, and hope to do better in the future.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-65-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-65-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-66-15**

A Resolution repealing Resolutions No.'s R-110-07 and R-65-09 establishing a naming policy for City Streets and Facilities

Gary Huff, City Manager, provided the Staff Report.

City Manager Huff provided a brief background on the establishment of the policy for the Naming Policy for City Street and Facilities in the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Vogt stated he was on the Diversity Committee when some of the Streets and Facilities were named previously.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-66-15

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-66-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-66-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-67-15**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Grissom Construction, LLC for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

Four bids were received for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program. In general the work will consist of the replacement of 23 catch basins, and the installation of 26 ADA compliant handicap ramps at intersections along the streets to be resurfaced as a part of the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program. The work will begin as soon as possible and has a completion date of June 12, 2015, stated Ms. Havenar.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-67-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-67-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-67-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-68-15**

A Resolution requesting final legislation to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the CR 25A Phase III Reconstruction Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

On February 15, 2011 the City Commission passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a preliminary agreement with ODOT for the CR 25A Phase II Reconstruction Project. The City then engaged consultants to begin the detailed design, environmental documents, and the right-of-way acquisition. The CR 25A Phase III Reconstruction Project will consist of the reconstruction of CR 25A from Looney Road to east of Indian Ridge Drive and will include new granular base, asphalt pavement, concrete curb & gutter, sidewalks, a multi-use path, and the installation of new storm sewer, and will also consist of the adjustment of existing utilities where necessary, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding sidewalks and where they would be located, or if just a multi-use path would be used, the width of the path, and if the neighbors were notified of the project. Ms. Havenar answered all questions.

**Public Comment**

Mike Sloan, Delaware Street in Indian Ridge came forward stating he likes the idea of the Multi-Path use in the area.

Nick Alexander, Roosevelt Avenue, came forward and asked several questions regarding the direction of the Multi-use Path .

All questions were answered by Ms. Havenar.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-68-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Fess, and Vogt. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-68-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-69-15**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

On March 30, 2015 two bids were received for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Program.

The streets in this year's paving program include:

Park Avenue from Sunset to Parkway  
Parkway Drive from Westview to Sunset  
Wilshire Drive from Britton to Westview  
Britton Drive from, Parkway to Westview  
Carol Drive from Parkway to Westview

Due to the favorable bid prices, the Alternate Bid will also be accepted which will include the resurfacing of Clifton Drive from Sunset to Park and Dubois from Sunset to Parkway, stated Ms. Havenar. The resurfacing project will consist of the necessary roadway base repairs and the overlaying of the roadway with a new asphalt surface, and will include the placement of all new pavement markings within the project limits. The street resurfacing is anticipated to begin in the

middle of June, and is anticipated to be complete by July 31, 2015, stated Ms. Havenar.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-69-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No, R-69-15, be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution R-69-15.

**RES. NO. 70-15**

A Resolution granting a utility easement to the City of Piqua

Stacy Wall, Law Director, provided the Staff Report.

The requested utility easement will allow for the new storm sewer pipe to be located adjacent to the preexisting West Interceptor Ditch. Due to site location and lack of site access the new storm sewer pipe has to be installed through the property owner's side yard, which runs along the wooded ditch area. This easement will grant the City the necessary allotment of land needed to install the pipe and is at fair market value. This will be a permeant easement, stated Ms. Wall..

Commissioner Terry asked several questions concerning the project.

Law Director Wall stated there have been a lot of issues to deal with on this project.

City Manager Huff stated that the bids are due back in April on this project, and should be able to award the contract

Ms. Wall stated that Devon Alexander, Stormwater Coordinator, has been in constant contact with Mr. French and Mr. York the property owners.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-70-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-70-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-70-15 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-71-15**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Lock Nine Park and Linear Park to Mainstreet Piqua and Piqua Arts Council

Lorna Swisher and Jordan Knepper came forward and provided a brief overview on the Rock Piqua Concerts scheduled for this summer. Mainstreet Piqua and Piqua Arts Council are requesting authorization to use Lock Nine Park and Linear Park as the location for the 2015 Rock Piqua Riverfront Concert Series on three separate dates. They include June 20, 2015, July 18, 2015 and August 1, 2015.

Commissioner Wilson stated the only complaint he heard was there were not four concerts!

Ms. Swisher stated this year there will be a series of live music concerts held at the Farmers Market on the first Thursday of each month in the renovated Canal Place. The Farmers Market hours are 3:30 - 7:00 P.M. The first Farmers Market will be held on May 21, 2015.

Commissioner Wilson asked Mr. Knepper who would be performing at Rock Piqua.

Mr. Knepper stated they reviewed over 200 bands, but are not quite ready to announce them yet.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-71-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-71-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, Vogt, and Fess. Nay, None. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-71-15 adopted.

**Public Comment**

Jordan Knepper, Executive Director of Piqua Arts Council, invited the City Commissioners to attend the Piqua Dancing with the Stars on Saturday April 11, 2015. Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Justin Sommer, and Law Director Stacy Wall will be dancing for the Mirrored Ball Trophy.

Mayor Fess stated both of them along the rest of the participants have been working very hard, and wished them well.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff stated he did not have anything to report at this time.

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Terry congratulated Ken Watson and David Short on their retirement from the City of Piqua, and wished them well.

Commissioner Wilson announced the City Clean-Up Day will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. -12:00P.M. Anyone wishing to help can contact the Health Department for assignment if they don't have a particular place they would like to work. Also anyone wishing to sign up for the Adopt Program can do so. The Adopt Program is a program where a citizen or a neighborhood group can sign up to adopt a certain area in the City and be responsible for keeping it clean. Anyone wishing to adopt an area can contact the City Manager's Office to let them know the area they are going to be responsible for.

Mayor Fess announced there are still tickets available for Dancing with the Piqua Stars. Tickets can be purchased at Readmore's Hallmark for the afternoon and evening performance, and encouraged citizens to attend. Jordan Knepper stated ticket prices for the afternoon performance are \$12 and the evening performances are \$25.00.

Mayor Fess also congratulated Ken Watson and David Short on their retirement from the City of Piqua.

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

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LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION