

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 19, 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 –CLIFFORD RAY ALEXANDER, JR. DAY

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Cliff Alexander and his family.

Update from Friends of the Piqua Parks – Ms. Ruth Koon

Ruth Koon, Chairperson for Friends of the Piqua Parks provided a brief overview and update of their plans for Pitsenbarger Park. Ms. Koon announced they have reached their goal for the purchase of the Bronze Statue of Mr. Pitsenbarger that is to be placed in the park. Mayor Fess thanked Mrs. Koon and her committee for all of their efforts and hard work on this project.

Spring Residence Pride Awards

Cindy & Kris Brown	503 N. Parkway Drive
Robert D. Godsey, Jr.	929 Camp Street
Paula & Rick Monnin	222 Walker Street
Chad Spruance	324 W. Ash Street
Sue Teach	510 N. Wayne Street

Mayor Fess read the names and addresses of the Residence Pride Award winners while slides of the residences were shown. Mayor Fess thanked all of the award winners, further stating to remember to nominate their neighbors.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 5-15 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 94.23 (l) relating to Curfew and Prohibitions on use of Parks and Gazebo

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to table Ordinance No. 5-15 indefinitely. Roll Call, Aye: Terry, Fess, Martin, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 5-15 was tabled indefinitely.

ORD. NO. 6-15 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Sections 154.027 of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinance to allow a place of worship in an I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District

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

This item was presented to the Planning Commission in response to a request from the owner of the property located at 8564 County Rd. 25-A in Piqua. The owner would like to lease the property to a Place of Worship. Currently a Place of Worship is permitted in all districts except the Industrial zoning designation. Vacant or commercial building spaces are often well suited to the needs of this use type stated Mr. Sommer.

After review the Planning Commission concluded it would be prudent to include provisions to allow the Place of Worship as a principal permitted use in the I-1 Light Industrial zoning district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 6-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Fess, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Ordinance No. 615 adopted.

Resolution No. R- 84-15

A Resolution requesting authorization to Demming Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Excel Fluid Group, LLC

Dave Davis, Wastewater Plant Superintendent, presented the Staff Report.

Mr. Davis provided a brief slide presentation showing some of the problems and the cost comparison for the pump screw.

In late 2014 it was found that some significant structural issues had developed with the #1 Screw Pump that needed to be repaired. The repair was well beyond the abilities of the city staff. A price quote for the repairs was obtained along with the cost for removal and trucking to re and from the manufacture's facility in Georgia. A check was made for the cost to replace the alternate backup pump system (Drainage Pumps) which will remain functioning in the new plant upgrade and be replaced at that time. The cost to replace and install that pump was smaller and would remain in service after the upgrade where the #1 Screw Pump would be removed for good. The OEPA was notified and was agreeable with the situation.

The cost for the Pump and Installation and a small contingency is not to exceed \$47,833 and will be funded by the Wastewater Plant 2015 Budget, stated Mr. Davis.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the quote and the number of gallons per day. Mr. Davis provided information regarding the questions.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-84-15

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution R-84-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Terry and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-84-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-85-15

A Resolution awarding a contract to Axtell's Inc. for the Piqua Airport - Hartzell Field crack seal and remarking project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Five bids were received on May 7, 2015. The work will consist of crack sealing and remarking of runway 8-26, the taxiways and the apron, including the runway holding position markings. The City did a comprehensive reference check on Axtell's Inc. and found they are more than capable of performing this type of project as noted by the extensive list of other Airports they have worked for in the past, as well as the positive comments received as part of the reference check, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

Nick Alexander, S. Roosevelt, came forward and asked who owns the airport? Mayor Fess stated the City of Piqua owns the airport.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-85-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-85-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-86-15

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park and Hance Pavilion to the Miami Valley Corvette Club

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

The Miami Valley Corvette Club would like to host a car show at Fountain Park. This event will be open to the public and the display area will primarily occupy a shaded grassy area between the Dining Hall and Hance pavilion. The event will be the same as last year except there will not be any musical entertainment this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-86-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-86-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-86-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-87-15

A Resolution awarding a contract to Western Ohio Asphalt Sealing, LLC, for the repairs, crack filling, sealing and pavement marking for the Municipal Government Complex Parking Lot

Bob Graeser, Project Manager, provided the Staff Report.

The Municipal Government Complex Parking Lot is need of repairs and crack filling. The work being dome will include repairing all catch basins so that the parking areas will drain properly, all cracks will be filled, and the complete parking surface will be sealed and have all new pavement markings. To reduce the impact to the employees and the operations of the Municipal Government Complex the work will be performed when the facility is closed. The anticipated work will take place between June and the end of July, stated Mr. Graeser.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Alexander, S. Roosevelt Avenue, came forward and asked why the pavement marking was not being done in house. Amy Havenar, City Engineer explained the reason for the pavement marking not being done in house.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-87-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-87-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-88-15

A Resolution awarding a contract to L.J. DeWeese for the West Interceptor to the Echo Lake Project

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator, provided the Staff Report.

The West Interceptor Project will elevate the pre-existing ditch that runs from Sunset Drive to Echo Lake. There will be roughly 800 feet of pre-existing storm water ditch vacated, and a new 36" storm water pipe will be put in place within the vicinity of the ditch, stated Mr. Alexander.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the water flow, the size of the pipe, and if the pipe Would not be sufficient would the pipe be replaced? Mr. Alexander provided the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-82-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No, R-88-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Fess, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-88-15 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Levi Harrison came forward and stated he and a group of his friends plan on painting and cleaning up the Public Square and the Gazebo on Saturday, May 23, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and invited anyone wanting to help to meet at the gazebo. Commissioner Wilson will be there to provide the paint and other supplies being provided by the City for the project. Depending on how many show up they will also work on Lock 9 Park by pulling weeds, sweeping, and putting much down.

Kazy Hinds, Whitetail Lane, member of Citizens for a Better Piqua, came forward and stated she is pleased to be working with the young people of the community. Ms. Hinds provided additional information on the project Mr. Henderson is planning on doing, and some of the other things to help the youth in the community,

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, came forward stated he is proud to be a citizen of Piqua seeing the kids and the adults working together. Mr. Boehringer stated he brought a signed petition he was going to present to the City Commissioners regarding Ordinance No. 5-15, but after hearing Levi Harrison speak on his project he promptly tore it up in front of the commission, stating "count me in".

Thomas Beck, Garfield Street, came forward and voiced his opinion on all of the other avenues being explored with regarding Ordinance 5-15. Mr. Beck also stated he wanted to recognize a few of the local Hometown Hero's: Cliff Alexander, Tom Westfall, and Levi Harrison.

Jim Hemmert, Boone Street, came forward stating the City of Piqua is hosting the Miami Valley Cycling Summit on May 29, and the Cyclovia is scheduled for Saturday May 30, downtown Piqua and invited citizens to stop down and take part in all of the activities. The purpose of the Cyclovia is to offer non-motorized activities for all ages.

Mr. Hemmert announced the unveiling of the nine new bicycle racks that will be placed in the downtown area and proudly provided a sneak peek of one the bicycle racks.

Mayor Fess stated that Mike and Elizabeth Gutmann are the Co-Chairs for the Cycling Summit event, and have worked very hard along with their committee members to put together this event.

Monthly Reports -March, 2015

The Monthly Reports for March 2015 were accepted.

City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Cynthia Holtzapple announce the City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day and will reopen on Tuesday May 26, 2015. Ms. Holtzapple wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Wilson announced he will be at the Gazebo on Saturday morning, May 23 at 11:00 A.M. to help support Levi Harrison and his friends paint and repair the Gazebo, and clean up the public square. Commissioner Wilson also encouraged individuals, groups and organizations to take a few minutes to go down to the Gazebo and sit and talk with the young adults that gather there.

Commissioner Wilson stated he feels there is a need for more Police presence in the downtown area; a need for a youth center, as the root cause is a lack of activities for young adults. There has been a lot of good work and communication come out of proposed Ordinance No. 5-15. And thanked the Citizens for a Better Piqua for joining in the efforts to help the young adults in the community, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Commissioner Terry congratulated the Residence Pride Award Winners, the Friends of the Piqua Parks, and Cliff Alexander for all of their efforts for the betterment of the community.

Commissioner Terry stated the Taste of the Arts was very successful and the weather cooperated this year, further stating the City Recycling Programs seems to running well. Commissioner Terry also announced the Watercolor Show is featured at the Piqua Library and encouraged citizens to stop in and view the beautiful watercolors.

Commissioner Martin stated it is a great time to be living in Piqua as there are a lot of things happening.

Commissioner Vogt wished Cliff Alexander a Happy Birthday and thanked him for his generous contributions to the Piqua Community.

Commissioner Vogt stated he is seeing a lot of drivers not stopping at stop signs and encouraged drivers to stop at the stop signs.

Commissioner Vogt stated he is glad to see the various groups and the young adults coming together at the square.

Mayor Fess thanked Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple for sitting in for City Manager Huff who was out of town on City business.

Mayor Fess wished Cliff Alexander a very Happy Birthday, and thanked him for everything he has done for the Piqua Community.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:35 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION