

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 16, 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 Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry to excuse Commission Vogt from the June 16, 2015 Regular City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Fess, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

PROCLAMATION –PIQUA FOURTH OF JULY ASSOCIATION
ACCEPTING: DIANE MILLER, AL FLEDDERMAN, ED MAN & JEFF MARCONETTE

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented to Diane Miller, Al Fledderman, Ed Mann, and Bobbie Boyd thanking them for their long time commitment to the 4th of July celebration in the City of Piqua.

Diane Miller, president of the Fourth of July Association, thanked the City of Piqua, the employees, and the citizens of Piqua who have helped and supported them to make the Fourth of July celebration a success over the last 50 years.

PRESENTATION BY PIQUA NATIONAL GUARD – SARGENT JOHN HAMPTON

Sargent First Class Robert Shadic, Sargent John Hampton, and Staff Sargent Brian Crawford, members of the Piqua National Guard Armory came forward and provided a brief history of the Piqua Unit and presenting the City of Piqua with a framed picture of an American Flag with the many faces of citizen soldiers in the flag. Mayor Fess and City Manager Huff accepted the picture thanking them for their service to the country, further stating it will be displayed very proudly in the Municipal Government Complex.

PIQUA BIKE CHALLENGE UPDATE

City Planner Chris Schmiesing and Jim Hemmert provided a brief update on the Bike to Work Week Awards and read off the names of the participants and the number of miles they logged. The Silver Pedal Awards were presented to the winners of the Large Business, Small Business Individual and Student category. Miami Valley Steel was the winner in the Large Business category logging 2078 miles, Piqua Family Practice was the winner in the Small Business category logging in 592 miles, Mike Treon of Treon's Barber Styling was the winner in the Individual Category logging in 839 miles, and Bennett School was the winner in the Student category logging in 750 miles.

Also local citizens rode a quite a large number of miles, with the total of 73 participants they totaled over 8884 miles, making Piqua #8 Nationally in the National Bike Challenge.

Elizabeth and Mike Gutmann co-chairs of the Bicycling Summit came forward and provided a brief overview of the Summit held in Piqua at the Fort Piqua Plaza on May 21, 2015. The Gutmann's praised City Planner Chris Schmiesing for his leadership skills and vision, further thanking the City of Piqua for their support.

Mayor Fess stated the Bicycling Summit was amazing, thanking Elizabeth and Mike Gutmann for their leadership, Chris Schmiesing and all of the volunteers who help make it a great success.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-94-15

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of James D. Drieling as a City Employee

Mayor Fess read the Resolution and presented it to Mr. Drieling thanking him for his 25 years of service to the citizens of Piqua. Mr. Drieling thanked the City of Piqua.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voice vote, Aye: Fess, Terry, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No.R-94-15 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD.NO. 7-15

An Emergency Ordinance repealing Sections 94.23, 94.24 and 94.26 of Chapter 94 and adopting new section 94.23, 94.24, and 94.26 of the Municipal Code

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

After considering another matter, the City Commission observed that the curfew hours in the various City parks are inconsistent and requested review and amendment for consistency. In reviewing the sections listed they were found to be incomplete and not current and in need of a rewrite.

Commissioners asked several questions about the issue of smoking in the city parks and asked if signage could be placed at the parks, and smoking pots put at the entrances. Commissioner Terry was concerned mostly about smoking around the playground areas with the mulch.

Ms. Wall stated she will look at the current Ordinance and rewrite the sections and present it at the next Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 7-15.

Ordinance No, 7-15 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. 95-15

A Resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Miami County Solid Waste Management District

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

The City of Piqua is located within the jurisdiction of the Miami County Solid Waste Management District. The District Policy Committee prepared and adopted a final draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.52, 3734.54, and 3734.55.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding monthly recycling totals, how residents were informed of the recycling program, and if residents had to use the new large containers, or could they use a smaller container.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Fledderman, Harney Drive, came forward and voiced his concern about the new larger container stating it is very hard for some residents to handle and store the containers.

Ms. Welker stated she would look into getting a smaller container.

Commissioner Wilson asked if it would be possible to get more recycling information out again to the residents. Ms. Welker stated the recycling information is on the city web site, and flyers were sent out previously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No.95-15 be adopted. Roll Call, Aye: Fess, Wilson Terry, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-95-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 96-15

A Resolution fixing the time and place for a Public Hearing on the proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the calendar year 2016 and Draft Appropriation Ordinance

Cynthia Holtzapple, Finance Director, presented the Staff Report.

Section 5705.18 of the Revised Code required that the Commission adopt a tax budget for the next succeeding year on or before July 15, and Charter Section 49 required the submission of the draft of and appropriation ordinance based upon said budget. A Public Hearing on the proposed City Tax Budget for Miami County for the year 2016 and the draft appropriation Ordinance will be held at the next regular City Commission Meeting of July 7, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-96-15

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution R-96-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-96-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-97-15

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park, Hardman Field and Hance Pavilion to the Piqua Fourth of July Association

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The 4th of July Association desires to utilize portions of Fountain Park to host a community festival in celebration of Independence Day. The event will take place on July 4 and 5m 2015 and utilize the Hance Pavilion, Hardman Field, Fountain Park volleyball courts and the part of Fountain Park between and including the hardball diamond and the dining hall. The event traditionally includes amusement rides and games, and food vendors which are subject to certain license and permitting requirements. City staff and equipment will support the event by providing assistance with street closure, refuse management, and various activities, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

The City Manager is authorized to permit the Piqua Fourth of July Association the use of Hance pavilion, Hardman Field, the Fountain Park volleyball courts and part of Fountain Park including the hardball diamond and the dining hall, on July 4 and 5th. The Piqua Fourth of July Association must obtain liability insurance satisfactory to the City Manager per the terms of the Lease Agreement and must comply with all terms of the Lease as set by the City. The rental fee for the lease shall be a \$1.00 and other valuable consideration, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-97-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No, R-97-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-97-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-98-15

An Emergency Resolution to amend the contract with J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the off-site pipeline project

Don Friesthler, Water Plant Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

The off-site pipeline portion of the new Water Treatment Plant Project will allow for the construction of new raw water lines, finished water lines, and a new sludge line along SR 66. This project is needed to tie pipelines for the new Water Treatment Plant into our existing system.

The original project was bid with the understanding that a complete detour of State Route 66 was acceptable. After much consideration by City Staff, it was decided that being able to keep a constant flow of traffic through this area would be more beneficial to everyone.

This amendment will allow one lane of traffic to be maintained during the 20 months of construction. The change in traffic pattern must be in compliance with ODOT regulations. This will help ensure the safety of both workers and drivers in the area.

Jersey barriers will be put in place to allow one of lane of traffic to be separated from workers. Traffic signals at both ends of the project will allow traffic to flow in one direction at a particular time through this lane. The work zone will be moved throughout the project to coordinate with the work area as needed. This is an emergency Resolution due to the construction time lines, stated Mr. Friesthler.

Commissioner asked several questions and Mr. Friesthler provided the answers to all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-98-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No, R-98-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Terry, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-98-15 adopted.

RES.NO. R-99-15

A Resolution requesting authorization for the purchase of a new gate for the Hydraulic Canal at Swift Run Lake

Don Friesthler, Water Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

The current gate that separates Swift Run Lake from them hydraulic canal no longer works as needed, and is very difficult to raise or lower and does not seal properly. This gate is a critical for the isolation of Swift Run Lake in case of a catastrophic event with the hydraulic canal. Three price quotes were received and RW Gate Company was the lowest price.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-99-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-99-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-99-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-100-15

A Resolution requesting authorization for the installation of a new gate for the Hydraulic Canal at Swift Run Lake

Don Friesther, Water Plant Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

Installation of the gates requires the level of the lake and the canal to be lowered. The installation will be coordinated with other work for the new water treatment plant by Peterson Construction Company. By combining the gate project with the other work being done the city will save approximately \$50,000. Due to the dynamics of the project there is not a definite start date for the project to begin at this time, stated Mr. Friesther.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the lowering of the water and the installation of the gate. Mr. Friesther answered all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-100-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-100-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-100-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-101-15

A Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Allocation Program and Critical Infrastructure Program Applications for Program Year 2015 and authorizing the City Manager to submit the applications to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development

Nikki Reese, Development Program Manager provided the Staff Report.

Each year the city receives an allocation from the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development to implement local activities through the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) program. The allocation for 2015 is \$75,000. The city is also eligible to submit a CBDG Critical Infrastructure Program at the same time to assist eligible communities with high-priority, single-purpose infrastructure improvements. The maximum grant funding is \$300,000.

On February 25, 2015 the 1st Public hearing was held to review CDBG Programs. On April 7, 2015 a Community Development Implementation Strategy Committee meeting was held to prioritize potential CDBG Projects. The proposed project is new water meters in the Southview Neighborhood. The new water meters will be read by a radio receiver that the meter reader will hold outside the city vehicle.

70% of the funding for the Southview Water Meter Replacement Project is from grant funding and 30% of the funding is from the City of Piqua water funds, stated Ms. Reese.

The City will be notified in August if the Critical Infrastructure Grant is funded. There are two other potential CDBG projects that have been identified as back up plans if the meter is not funded.

Shane Johnson, Underground Utility Director explained how the new meters will work and how the readings will be taken.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the new meters and how they will be implemented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-101-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-101-15 be adopted. Roll Call, Aye: Martin, Fess, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-101-15 adopted.

MONTHLY REPORTS – APRIL 2014

Monthly Reports for April 2015 were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Jaqua, N. Sunset Drive, came forward and voiced his concern over the Point of Economic View in the City of Piqua, and his concerns on the downtown businesses.

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, came forward stating Piqua is starting to become a vibrant community, and he is proud to a resident of the City of Piqua as they are moving in the right direction by keeping a positive outlook.

Al Fledderman, Harney Street, stated he has lived in Piqua for 31 years and loves it in Piqua.

Mr. Fledderman further stated he will be sitting in the “Dunking Tank” Sunday, July 5th from 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. at Fountain Park at the 4th of July Celebration, and invited citizens to come out and take a shot at him.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Huff announced the Piqua Municipal Swimming Pool opened Saturday, June 13, 2015.

City Manager Huff stated the city had great participation in the Miami Valley Cycling Summit with over 500 attendees, and the I Love Piqua Community Workshop with over 350 attendees. Both of these events attracted a large number of people to the community.

City Manager Huff further explained the I love Piqua series, and what the purpose is. A lot of great events will be coming soon.

The first Rock Piqua Concert will take place on June 20th at Lock 9 Park from 7:00 – 11:00 P.M.

Chris Schmiesing has been a real champion for these projects, and the city departments are very involved with these projects to.

City Manager Huff further stated he hopes the citizens appreciate the expertise of Don Friesthler and his staff in the Water Department, as they are very good at what they do, and we are fortunate to have them.

Mayor Fess stated she has heard from staff members the City Manager’s leadership is encouraging to them, and the job Mr. Huff does certainly makes them want to work hard for him.

Commissioners Comments

Commission Martin congratulated all of the Bicyclist, Mike and Liz Gutmann, and Chris Schmiesing on their work on the Bicycle Summit.

Commissioner Martin encouraged citizens to attend the Rock Piqua Concert, also congratulated the 4th of July committee for all the years of service to the citizens of Piqua, and wished them the best this year.

Commissioner Terry thanked the bicyclist, and the 4th of July Committee for all their hard work.

Commissioner Terry announced Camp Laugh-A-Lot, sponsored by the Piqua Optimist Club will be held on June 22-26 for children ages 6-12 can participate. Registration at 773-6698 or www.laughalotcamps.com.

The Salvation Army provides a meal in the summer for children on a daily basis. Each Saturday during the month of July they will be having a Christmas in July bell ringing campaign at the Piqua Kroger Store to raise funds for that project, stated Commissioner Terry.

Commissioner Wilson stated he appreciates all the work the 4th of July Association has done over the years.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated the Bike Summit committee stating they did a great job, and also congratulated Mike and Liz Gutmann on the outstanding job they did to promote the City of Piqua, and thanked all the volunteers who supported and worked to make it a great event.

Commissioner Wilson encouraged citizens to attend the Rock Piqua Concert as they showcase the City of Piqua.

Mayor Fess thanked the 4th of July Committee and all of the volunteers for all they have done over the years. The City will strive to provide a great 4th of July Celebration in 2016.

Mayor Fess congratulated Jim Drieling on his service to the City of Piqua.

Mayor Fess mentioned at the Bicycle Summit Dayton Mayor Nan Walley introduce her to the Mayor of Pittsburg, who stated "what a beautiful city you have, so charming and unique". Mayor Fess stated she appreciates the comments made by both Mayors.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 9:15 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION