

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 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 Vogt, Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: None

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

PRESENTATION BY NATHAN BURKHOLDER – PIQUA ACTIVITY DAY

Nathan Burkholder a junior at Bowling Green and a summer intern in the City Manager's Office presented a presentation on his upcoming Piqua Activity Day to be held at lower Fountain Park on Saturday, July 18, from 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. The event is open to children from the ages of preschool through the sixth grade, children under the age of five can still participate with the preschool children with the parent's permission. His goal this year is to pack the park with over 100 children, stated Mr. Burkholder. Attendees can register prior to the event online at www.piquaactivityday.weebly.com, or they can register the day of the event.

Mayor Fess stated Nate has done a great job, congratulating him on his hard work, and wishing him the best of luck. Mayor Fess also encouraged the youth and citizens to volunteer and support Nate on this project.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD.NO. 7-15 (2nd Reading-Amended)

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.

This is the second reading of Ordinance 7-15 with changes being made in Section 94.23 regarding curfew hours throughout the city parks. No one will be allowed to enter or remain in the city parks between dusk and 7:A.M. the following day. There will be exceptions for the Linear park and the parks that have sports fields during tournament times, stated Ms. Wall.

At the June 16th meeting Commissioners expressed their concerns about smoking in the city parks. Ordinance No. 7-15 was amended to provide tighter regulations regarding smoking in the city parks to protect the children. Smoking will be permitted in designated areas and signs will be placed showing the designated areas, stated Ms. Wall.

Mayor Fess stated she received a telephone call regarding a group of older youths in Fountain Park using foul language around young children in the area. Law Director Wall stated the city cannot enact any legislation or post any signage about the use of foul language due to the Freedom of Speech Act as they would not be able to enforce that legally.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Cruse, N. County Road 25-A, a Member of the Park Board came forward and voiced his concern over the fact that the Park Board was never given the opportunity to review Ordinance 7-15 and provide any input on the changes. This has happened several times now, and the Park Board Members would like to be involved when making changes, stated Mr. Cruse.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated the Park Board is an advisory board and provides information to be considered only, and not establishing any rules or regulations.

City Manager Huff stated he would be glad to set up a special meeting with the Park Board to discuss Ordinance No. 7-15 before the third reading at the next Commission Meeting. City Manager Huff explained there is a difference between the laws and legislation for the city codes, versus the rules and regulations of the parks that the Park Board reviews.

After discussion Ordinance No. 7-15 was given a second reading.

RES. NO. R-102—15 (Public Hearing)

A Resolution accepting for statutory purposes a budget for the calendar year 2016

Cynthia Holtzaple, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director provided the Staff Report.

Section 5705.18 of the Revised Code requires that the Commission adopt a tax budget for the next succeeding year on or before July 15, and Charter Section 49 requires the submission of the draft of and appropriation ordinance based upon said budget. The 2016 County tax Budget is projected to be \$144.4 million, an increase of \$7.2 million, or 5.3% more than the latest 2015 estimates due to several major projects in the Enterprise Funds, stated Ms. Holtzaple.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-102-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No.102-15 be adopted. Roll Call, Aye: Fess, Wilson Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-102-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 103-15

A Resolution awarding a contract to L.J. DeWeese Co. Inc. for the construction of the Safe Routes to School Improvement Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Only one bid was received for the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project, and it was from L.J. DeWeese Co, Inc. The work will consist of the installation of new pavement markings and signage, the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, replacement of damaged sidewalk & curbs, removal of traffic signals, and construction of a multi-use path to the Junior High School from Looney Road. A grant was received in May of 2012 for the construction of the infrastructure projects around the Piqua Junior High School site, the Washington Intermediate School site, and the Wilder Intermediate School site. We would like to begin construction immediately, and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of October, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the plantings, and traffic signals in various areas, Ms. Havenar explained.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-103-15

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution R-103-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-103-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-104-15

A Resolution awarding a contract to Underground Utilities, Inc. for the Garbry Road Water Main Extension Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Four bids were received for the Garbry Road Water Main Extension Project. The project will consist of the installation of a new 16' water main along Garbry Road from Kienle Drive to U.S Rt. 36. The new water main will complete the water loop from the E. Ash Street water tower to provide a redundant water supply in conjunction with the future growth projection as identified in the City's Water Distribution Master Plan, stated Ms. Havenar. The contract is not to exceed \$358,500 which includes a 10% contingency, and will be funded by Water Department Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-104-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No, R-104-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-104-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-105-15

A Resolution awarding a contract to Grissom Construction, LLC for the Garnsey Street Sidewalk Replacement Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

Only one bid was received and it was from Grissom Construction, LLC for the Garnsey Street Sidewalk Replacement Project. The work will consist of the replacement of portions of sidewalks and drive approaches throughout the 300 and 400 blocks of Garnsey Street. We are going through and fixing the worst portions of the sidewalks, stated Ms. Havenar. The contract id is not to exceed \$60,000 and is being funded by the FY2014 CDBG Community Development Allocation Program.

PUBIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-105-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-105-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Fess, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution R-105-15 adopted.

RES.NO. R-106-15

A to authorize a contract for the demolition of 102 S. Main Street

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the staff Report.

Resolution No. R-106-15 is for the demolition of the structure located at 102 S. Main Street. The roof is partially collapsed and the building in general is in poor condition and cannot be saved. This structure was donated to the City of Piqua in 2013, and demolition will eliminate an unsafe building condition and ready the site for future improvements that advance the riverfront redevelopment and revitalization efforts. Six bids were received, and Roe Transportation Enterprises was awarded the bid. The contract is not to exceed \$38,500, and is being funded by 2015 budget allocations, stated Mr. Sommer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-106-15.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-106-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, Fess, and Vogt. Nay. None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-106-15 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

The City of Piqua's Leadership Development team submitted an application to the Ohio Magazine for the Best Hometown Award Designation. The team prepared and submitted an outstanding book, and copies were provided to the Commissioners. Mr. Huff further stated he wanted to complement the team on the tremendous effort they put into developing this application, as it was very creative and he doubts any other city provided such an application in book format. The City is very hopeful of receiving the designation based on the work that was put into the application, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff congratulated Assistant Fire Chief Vince Ashcraft on his accomplishments at the World Police and Fire games held in Fairfax, Virginia recently. Vince received a Bronze in the 100 Kg Masters in Judo, and a Gold in the Light Heavy-weight Submission Grappling.

City Manager Huff thanked the Piqua 4th of July Association for the wonderful weekend of activities, and the two nights of fireworks. I know the community appreciates all the hard work and effort that went in to the two day event.

City Manager Huff stated next year the City of Piqua will be taking over the 4th of July festivities and fireworks which will be held downtown. One of the concerns mentioned was the amount of available parking in the downtown area. The city conducted a survey of public and private parking spaces in the downtown area, and there are over 1500 spaces available for parking. I think we will be able to handle a tremendous size crowd and hope to attract a large number of people to the downtown area next year. Mr. Huff again thanked the Piqua 4th of July Committee for all of their work over the years.

Mayor Fess stated the idea for next year's 4th of July Celebration is to have various events all around the downtown area, plus provide a fireworks display.

City Manager Huff explained the City plans on having events during the day all over the city in various locations including Fountain Park. All of the plans have not been completed yet at this time, but it is going to be a great day for the citizens of Piqua.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin thanked the Piqua Fourth of July Committee for their continued Public Service to the Community over the years.

Commissioner Terry announced the second Piqua Civic Band Concert at the Hance Pavilion is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 7:00 P.M. and encouraged citizens to attend.

Commissioner Terry stated she attended the fireworks on Sunday evening and they were great.

Commissioner Terry further stated the sugar waffles were the best they have ever been in the past few years, and hopes they continue to provide them next year.

Commissioner Wilson also encouraged citizens to attend the Civic Band Concert.

Commissioner Wilson thanked the Piqua Fourth of July Committee for all their hard work, further stating citizens do not realize how much time goes into putting on such an event.

Mayor Fess stated Bret Poling has been appointed as the new Band Director for the Piqua Civic Band, and encouraged citizens to come out and listen, as it is well worth thier time. Mayor Fess challenged all to make the effort to attend the concert to support the Piqua Civic Band, and come out and pack the pavilion.

Mayor Fess thanked the Piqua Fourth of July Committee for doing such an amazing job over the years, further stating she appreciates all of their hard work and effort to the Piqua community.

Mayor Fess stated she knows that Mr. Huff and his committee will come up with some amazing things in the downtown area next year, and is looking forward to it..

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:25 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Fess. Nay: None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION