

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, July 21, 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. Vice Mayor Vogt called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: Mayor Fess.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry to excuse Mayor Fess from the July 21, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

PRESENTATION BY: Mr. Joe Braden, West Regional Liason-Auditor of State Office
PRESENTED TO: Ms. Cynthia Holtzapple, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
FOR: The Auditor of State Award with Distinction

Mr. Braden provided a brief overview of the criteria for achieving the award. Mr. Braden read the award and presented it to Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Cynthia Holtzapple, Vice Mayor William Vogt, and City Manager Gary Huff. Vice Mayor Vogt congratulated Ms. Holtzapple and her staff on a job well done.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – POLICE CHIEF BRUCE JAMISON

Vice Mayor William Vogt read the proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Bruce Jamison.

Police Chief Jamison provided a brief overview of the events scheduled to take place at the National Night Out in Piqua on August 4, 2015. Several Block Parties are already scheduled and encouraged more neighborhoods to get involved by holding a neighborhood block party.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the July 7, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-107-15

A Resolution establishing "Trick or Treat/Beggars' Night" in the City of Piqua

City Manager Huff stated this establishes Thursday, October 29, 2015 as Trick or Treat/Beggars' Night in the City of Piqua.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD.NO. 7-15 (3rd 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

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to table Ordinance No. 7-15 until the August 18, 2015 Regular City Commission Meeting to allow the Park Board to meet to review Ordinance No. 7-15. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Ordinance No. 7-15 tabled until August 18, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 8-15 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance amending Section 77.01 –Schedule VI of the Piqua Code, relating to right turn on red prohibited

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff report

With the opening of the new Piqua Central Intermediate School on Nicklin Avenue and the closing of some additional schools throughout the community, changes are being proposed to increase pedestrian safety, and to improve the traffic flow through the community. The increased pedestrian traffic at the Intermediate School and at the Broadway and Park Avenue intersection warrants the request to prohibit right turns on red between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm during school days at the intersection of Park Avenue & Broadway. The ordinance also allows for the removal of the right turn on red during school days restriction at the following intersections where the school will be demolished or in some cases, where the signs have been removed and the code was never updated to reflect these changes, stated Ms. Havenar.

- Ash Street and College Street
- Main Street and Garnsey Street
- Main Street and South Street
- North Street and College Street
- South Street and Brice Avenue
- South Street and Roosevelt Avenue
- Wayne Street and South Street

The only cost to add and remove the traffic signs will only be the time involved for Piqua Power-Traffic Department to complete the work. All materials needed are available by reusing signs from old school zones, said Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked several questions including the removal of several other school zone traffic signals. Ms. Havenar answered all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Alexander, S. Roosevelt voiced his opinion about the traffic signal at South Street and Brice Avenue, and the flashing yellow school zone sign. Ms. Havenar provided answers to the questions.

Don Kuchta, Walker Street, came forward and voiced his opinion on the removal of several traffic signals including the one located at Broadway and Ash.

ORD. NO. 9-15 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2015

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

Every year about this time the Finance Department submits a supplemental appropriation since it is required to present the 2015 annual budget to the City Commission in early November 2014 before all project times and costs are known. Some of the projects that were expected to be completed last year will sometime carryover into the next year. During the fiscal year unexpected expenses sometimes occur and the supplemental appropriation allows the city to more accurately reflect these changes in the financial statement, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 9-15 at this time.

Ordinance No. 9-15 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-108-15

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Compass Minerals America Inc. for the purchase of road salt for the Street Department

Public Works Director, Doug Harter provided the Staff Report.

The City belongs to the Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G) which bids out the road salt purchase on behalf of approximately 73 entities. The City of Piqua has participated in this joint bid successfully for many years. This year the price has come back much lower than last year. The city snow removal staff was extremely conservative with the road salt usage and plans to continue doing so this year. The staff plans to rely heavily on salt brine and calcium chloride application which are less expensive and fairly easy to manage, stated Mr. Harter.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the purchase, and how the company was chosen.

All questions were answered.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-108-15 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-108-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Res No. R-108-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-109-15

A resolution authorizing permission to conduct business with Alan Miller

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

Charter Section 131 permits the City to purchase services from business in which a City employee may have a direct and/or indirect financial interest. Alan Miller is an employee of the City and has submitted the necessary disclosure statement for the purpose of providing nuisance abatement services, including mowing. The City Health Department uses nuisance abatement contractors on a rotational basis, and pays a set rate for nuisance abatement in which all contractors receive the same compensation.

Commissioner Martin inquired as to the rotation of the contractors. City Manager Huff explained.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-109-15 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-109-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RES. NO. R-110-15)

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Best Equipment Co, Inc. for the repairs of trucks for the Underground Utilities Dept.

Underground Utilities Superintendent, Shane Johnson provided the Staff Report.

Best Equipment Co, is used for the repairs to the VacCon, EnvrioSight, and Single Axle Jet trucks. All of this equipment is specialized and Best Equipment Co is the sole source for parts and repairs. The City has used Best Equipment for many years now, and has always been very satisfied with their work. Due to the age of these vehicles, the warranties have all expired, stated Mr. Johnson.

Commissioner Martin asked several questions about using only Best Equipment, and if it would be possible to go out for bids next time. Mr. Johnson and City Manager Huff explained the reasons for using Best Equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-110-15.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-110-15 be adopted. Roll Call, Aye: Wilson Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Vogt then declared Resolution No. R-110-15 adopted.

Monthly Reports for May, 2015

Monthly Reports for May, 2015 were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Lange, St. Rt. 66, came forward and provided a brief overview of the POW 12th Annual Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River on July 18, 2015. There were 81 volunteers who walked the area this year, as canoes were not used due to the high water. Mr. Lange thanked all of the volunteers the Piqua High School football team, sponsors, and food donors, for all of their help and support.

Mr. Lange also encouraged citizens to attend a couple of water events coming up, the Rock Piqua Concert and the Rockin River Duck Drop on August 1, 2015 being held at Lock 9 Park, and the Down the River, Down a Beer to be held on August 22, 2015 where there will be 80 different craft beers to taste, along with canoe races on the river. The winning team will be awarded the "Broken Paddle Award". Mr. Lange also encouraged citizens to put back into the community, by supporting the local community events, and further stating he loves living in Piqua.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff stated the City has received the findings from the National City Survey and is pleased that the city is up from the 2012 National City Survey, but there is always room for improvement. We will post the results of the survey on the city website, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff announced the City of Piqua's new website is up and invited citizens to check it out. Also we completed the printing of the Historic East Piqua Master Plan and will be putting it on the website for citizens to review, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff stated one of the ideas that came out of the For the Love of Cities Community Workshop that was held in June was an event called "River Fire", stating he is going to leave it at that as it is going to be an awesome feature at one of our future special events on the river this summer.

City Manager Huff announced on the City of Piqua's Facebook page we are inviting citizens to help the City of Piqua secure an I Hope Restaurant in Piqua. I Hop is interested in locating in Piqua and would like to hear from the community. You can call 866-444-5144, or email them at quest.relations@lhop.com.

City Manager Huff stated the Dayton Business Journal reported that P & R Specialty will be adding a 1.1 million dollar, 30,000 sq. foot addition. This is just one of a number of expansions that we have seen recently in the City of Piqua, stated City Manager Huff.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Ms. Holtzapple on receiving the Auditor of State Award with Distinction, thanking her and her staff for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Wilson stated he worked with POW on the 12th Annual Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River, further stating he was glad to have the Piqua Football team on hand to help him back up the riverbank with his load of debris.

Commissioner Terry congratulated Ms. Holtzapple on the Auditor State Award with Distinction, further stating Piqua is getting use to receiving the award and hopes they will continue to do so in the future.

Commissioner Martin also congratulated Ms. Holtzapple on the Auditor State Award with Distinction, thanking all of the city employees for their hard work in achieving this award.

Commissioner Martin encouraged citizens to call or email I Hop and let them know we would like to have them come to Piqua. City Manager Huff stated since it was posted on the website it has received over 17,000 likes.

Commissioner Martin thanked Jeff Lange, POW, and all of the volunteers for all of the hard work they do in keeping our waterways clean.

Commissioner Vogt congratulated Ms. Holtzapple on the Auditor of State Award of Distinction, Jeff Lange, and POW for their hard work, further stating he hopes they don't get tired of doing this great service.

Commissioner Vogt also mention again about citizens and lawn mowing companies blowing grass out into the streets that ends up in the sewers. Commissioner Vogt would like to see a list of the offenders made and have an ordinance adopted to stop them from blowing the grass into the streets in the future.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about yellow curbs being painted. City Manager Huff stated they stopped painting the curbs a few years ago, further stating there is an ordinance in place that applies to the blocking of driveways.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:15 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None.

WILLIAM D. VOGT, VICE MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION