

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 3, 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, Vogt, and Martin. Absent: None.

PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLMATION - AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Accepting: Ms. Amy Welker, Health & Sanitation Director

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it Amy Welker. Ms. Welker provided a brief update on the recycling program, and encouraged residents to keep recycling. Ms. Welker provided a handout with the recycling totals to the Commissioners.

PROCLAMATION - HONORING VETERANS DAY IN THE CITY OF PIQUA

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Justin Sommer, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager accepting for the City.

PROCLAMATION – HONORING WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER DAY IN THE CITY OF PIQUA

Mayor Fess read the proclamation and presented it to Ruth Koon, Edna Stiefel, and Glen Devers members of the committee.

Ruth Koon thanked everyone for their generous contributions and support in getting the statue completed to honor William H. Pitsenbarger. Ms. Koon invited residents to attend the William H. Pitsenbarger Dedication to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the entrance to Pitsenbarger Sports Complex off McKinley Avenue.

Mayor Fess thanked the committee for their commitment to paying this wonderful tribute to William H. Pitsenbarger.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the October 15, 2015 Piqua City Commission Work Session, and the October 20, 2015 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-143-15

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Buschur Electric, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a new generator for the Fire Department

Fire Chief Brent Pohlschneider provided the Staff Report.

The current diesel generator is approximately 30 years old and we plan to repurpose the unit to the Water Department. This generator will be set just outside the Fire Department on the southeast corner directly on a concrete pad, with pumper protection. It will give the Fire Department the capability to

run on natural gas or propane depending on what type of natural disaster we could be facing, stated Fire Chief Pohlschneider.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the placement of the unit, the reuse of the old unit at the Water Department, and the use of propane. Fire Chief Pohlschneider answered all questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Alexander, S. Roosevelt, came forward and asked how the old generator would be reused at Water Plant. Fire Chief Pohlschneider explained.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-143-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-143-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-144-15

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Ritter Plumbing Company, Inc. for the installation of a gas line for the generator for the Fire Department

Fire Chief Brent Pohlschneider provided the Staff Report.

This resolution is in conjunction with the generator requested in Resolution No. R-143-15 previously. A new gas line needs to be installed using directional boring from the Vectren hook up on Wayne Street to the southeast corner of the Fire Department building. All of the work will be inspected by Vectren upon completion. Several other contractors were contacted but were not able to provide the necessary services, and Ritter Plumbing was the best choice to perform the work.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-144-15.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-144-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Martin, Fess, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-144-15 adopted.

RES. NO. R-145-15

A Resolution granting a utility easement to the City of Piqua to run with the land

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

In the summer of 2014 a sink hole developed inside the property located at 299 Linden Avenue. The sink hole was a result of a broken down 48" storm line that runs from the west to the east crossing over the property. At the time of the issue, there was no present utility easement located on the property. The City has acknowledged that it is part of the Storm System, and proceeded to make the necessary repairs. The easement presented will legally define the City as having a utility easement to cover the storm sewer in case of any other issues that may be presented in the future, stated Mr. Alexander.

Commissioner Martin inquired how far the easement would be running. Mr. Alexander stated approximately 1000 feet from Linden Avenue to Ford Drive.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-145-15 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commission Wilson, that Resolution No. R-145-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Fess, Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None, Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-145 adopted.

RES. NO. R-146-15

A Resolution granting a utility easement to the City of Piqua to run with the land

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This easement is in reference to 208 Ford Drive which connects to the 299 Linden Avenue property.

The storm sewer in question follows through 208 Ford Drive to a catch basin at the east end of the property. The easement presented will legally define the City as having a utility easement to cover the storm sewer in case of any other issues in the future, said Mr. Alexander.

Public Comment

Nick Alexander, S. Roosevelt, came forward and asked if this was the same type of problem they had on Race Street, and if they were aware of any other underground problems in the area.

Devon Alexander provided the information and explained.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-146-15 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Vogt, Fess, and Martin. Nay: None, Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Fess then declared Resolution No. R-146 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward at this time.

City Manager's Report

Assistant City Manager Justin Sommer provided the City Managers Report in the absence of City Manager Huff.

A Wounded Warrior 5K Run will be held at Echo Hills Golf Course on Saturday, November 7, 2015, for more information citizens can contact Chip Fox at the Golf Course.

City Commission will hold a 2016 Budget Meeting at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 19, in the Municipal Government Complex, and is open to the public.

The City has held several public input sessions relating to the Lock Nine Park, and the River Front Corridor recently, and thanked the citizens for stepping up to offer their input. Mr. Sommer encouraged citizens to get involved in the community and city projects, including the Government Academy and the Neighborhood Associations.

Mr. Sommer stated there are a number of businesses in the City of Piqua hiring at this time, including Apex Aluminum hiring an additional 40 employees, Harmony Systems, Even Flo, Hartzell Industries, and Piqua Paper Box. Mr. Sommer encouraged citizens to let friends and family know about the many job opportunities available in Piqua.

Mayor Fess asked Mr. Sommer to provide a brief update on some of the activities happening in Piqua.

Mr. Sommer provided a brief overview of some of the activities that are going on in Economic Development.

Mayor Fess stated she thinks citizens are going to be surprised over the next two years as they are going to see a lot of activity happening in the city. Much of that is due to Mr. Sommer's efforts and the city appreciates all of his hard work, stated Mayor Fess.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Terry stated she is very happy to see her neighborhood come up in numbers and doing more recycling than previously.

Mayor Fess asked if the recycling information would be posted on the City website for citizens to see. Amy Welker, Health & Sanitation Director stated yes, the information will be posted on the City website.

Mayor Fess stated she hoped everyone was able to get out and vote.

Mayor Fess also encouraged citizens to attend the William H. Pitsenbarger Dedication on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the entrance to Pitsenbarger Park off McKinley Avenue.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Fess, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None.

LUCINDA L. FESS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION