

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 7:45 P.M.**

Piqua City Commission met at 7:45 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street. Mayor Hinds called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin.

**PRESENTATION: Economic Development Report – Justin Sommer**

Justin Sommer, Economic Development Director provided a brief update on the progress of several city projects, and future plans in the City of Piqua.

Mayor Hinds thanked Mr. Sommer stating there are a lot of wonderful of things happening in the future in the City of Piqua.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting, and the minutes from the Piqua City Commission Work Session of January 14, 2016.

**RES. NO. R-9-16**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Piqua Energy Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution R-9-16 reappoints Commissioner William Vogt to the Piqua Energy Board for a term of (2) years expiring on December 31, 2017.

**RES. NO. R-10-16**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Piqua Energy Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution R- 10-16 reappoints Commissioner John Martin to the Piqua Energy Board for a term of (2) years expiring on December 31, 2017.

**RES. NO. R-11-16**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-11-16 reappoints Commissioner William Vogt to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for a term of (1) year to expire on March 1, 2017.

**RES. NO. R-12-16**

A Resolution reappointing an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-12-16 reappoints Justin Sommer as an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for a term of (1) year to expire on March 1, 2017.

**RES. NO. R-13-16**

A Resolution reappointing an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-13-16 reappoints Chris Schmiesing as an alternate member to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for a term of (1) year to expire on March 1, 2017.

**RES. NO. R-14-16**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Miami County Council

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-14-16 reappoints Commissioner John Martin to the Miami County Council for a (2) year term expiring on December 31, 2017.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 1-16** (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of public right-of-way

Justin Sommer, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report stating the reason for the vacation of the public right of way at this time.

George Lovett, representing the property owners, Bill and Virginia Didier came forward and provided a brief overview on the reason they are asking to vacate the public right of way.

Bill Didier, property owner also came forward and provided a brief explanation on his plans for the vacated public right of way if approved.

After a brief discussion Ordinance No. 1-16 was given a first reading.

**RES. NO. R-15-16**

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to zoning map to change the zoning designation of 530 W. High Street to R-2 Two Family Residential

Justin Sommer, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report. This item was presented to the Planning Commission in response to a petition requesting a change to the zoning designation. Currently the subject property is zoned B General Business and the applicants have requested a residential zoning designation.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item January 13, 2016. The property owner and the prospective purchaser came forward in support of this request. No one was present to speak against this item. The Planning Commission recommended approval of an R-2 Two Family Residential zoning designation.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the change in the zoning designation.

City Manager Huff and Economic Development Director Sommer provided additional information and answered all of the Commissioners questions.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-15-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hinds, Wilson, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-15-16 adopted

**RES. NO. R- 16-16**

A Resolution awarding a contract for the purchase of transformer for the Power System

Nick Berger, Assistant Power Systems Director provided the Staff Report.

Each year the Power System solicits bids to replenish transformer inventory. Bids were received from five vendors for transformers of various sizes, voltages, and quantities on January 13, 2016. The lowest and best bid for the transformers was received from Ermco. Ermco will supply (22) twenty-two transformers for a total cost of \$63,384.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the size of the transformers, and the average life expectancy of the transformers. Mr. Berger answered all questions.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-16-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye, Terry, Hinds, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-16-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-17-16**

A Resolution requesting final legislation to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the N. Main Street Streetscape project

Bob Graeser, Project Manager, provided the Staff Report.

On July 17, 2012 the City Commission passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a preliminary agreement with ODOT for the N. Main Street Streetscape Project. The City engaged consultants to begin the detailed design and right of way acquisition. The project limits are from Greene Street to North Street on Main Street. The project will include the installation of streetscape features similar to those currently in place on Main Street, including new concrete sidewalk, brick pavers, decorative light poles, street signage, trash receptacles, tree grates and benches, stated Mr. Greaser.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the time frame of the project, how the money was being spent, how much ODOT was funding , and how much the city was actually responsible for. Mr. Greaser provided information on how funded. Law Director Stacy Wall further explained how the funding is distributed.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-17-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-17-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-18-16**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Valley Asphalt Corp. as the primary supplier, and Barrett Paving Material, Inc. as the secondary supplier of hot mix for the 2016 Street and Alley Maintenance Program

Doug Harter, Public Works Director provided the Staff Report.

In December of 2015 the Purchasing Analyst went out for bids, and bids were received on January 7, 2016. In the past the city has purchased asphalt from both Valley Asphalt and Barrett Paving depending on who had the mix available that was needed at any given time. A purchase order will

be issued again this year to both Valley Asphalt and Barrett Paving for the purchase of 402 and 404 asphalt to ensure that the asphalt will be available when needed, stated Mr. Harter.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-18-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-18-16 adopted.

#### **RES. NO. R-19-16**

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Piqua Materials Inc. as the supplier of stone and cold patch for the 2016 Street and Alley Maintenance Program

Doug Harter, Public Works Director, provided the Staff Report

In December of 2015 the Purchasing Analyst went out for bids, and bids were received on January 7, 2016. The Barrett Paving plant is located in Moraine and is too far to drive to pick up the cold patch when needed. We are recommending purchasing all stone and cold patch from Piqua Materials due to the close proximity of their plant to the work areas, thus increasing efficiency, stated Mr. Harter.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-19-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Vogt, Martin, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-19-16 adopted.

#### **Res. No. R-20-16**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Kleingers Group for the Engineering and Design of the Shawnee Neighborhood Storm Water Diversion Project

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

In continuation with the Storm Water Master Plan, it was recognized multiple storm water issues presented themselves within the Shawnee Neighborhood corridor. Kleingers Group has developed a set of target areas for the Shawnee Neighborhood, with one of the target areas being the Second Street corridor, where it was determined a Storm Water diversion sewer should be placed to help alleviate storm water in heavy rain events. Kleingers Group will be designing, engineering, and managing the bidding process for this project.

Commissioner Martin stated he lives on Cleveland Street and sees the problem with the water backing up at Second Street and running down to First Street.

Mike Brunner, Engineering Representative from Kleingers Group provided additional information on the need for the Storm Water diversion sewer at that particular location, and answered questions.

Commissioners asked various questions on the location and the flow to the river. Mr. Brunner, Devon Alexander and City Manager Huff provided additional information regarding the project.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-20-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Hinds, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-20-16 adopted.

#### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff stated the Commission has inquired about various changes to the City Charter and asked Law Director Stacy Wall to provide information on the various changes. Ms. Wall explained that the Charter is reviewed every 10 years, and suggested the Commissioners be thinking about who they would like to elect from their ward to sit on the Charter Review Committee. Commissioners asked several questions regarding changes they would like to see in the Charter.

Ms. Wall stated she needed some direction on which issues they would like to see. The new State Law language could be incorporated in the City Charter also at that time. After discussion a Work Session was scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016 to discuss the various charter changes.

City Manager Huff also announced the VFW and the American Legion will be celebrating 50 Years of Vietnam - 25 Years of Desert Storm on February 6, 2016 at the VFW Post 4874 from 1-5 pm and invited the public to attend.

City Manager Huff stated the Miami Valley Centre Mall will be hosting two autograph sessions on February 13<sup>th</sup>, author David Fong will be on hand to sign autographs, and three Ohio State Football team players will also be on hand to sign autographs.

The City of Piqua will be hosting a public meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M. at the Fort Piqua Plaza Banquet Center regarding the expansion of the Trail System east to Champaign County, west to Darke County and, north to Shelby County. This is a grant that was received by the municipalities from the areas including Piqua to expand the Trail System. By expanding this it will make Piqua the western hub of the Bicycle Trail in the State, stated City Manager Huff.

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Martin asked that citizens remember and support the Veterans.

Commissioner Wilson stated four Piqua high school seniors, Liz Duer, Carly Brown, Kyle Ingle, and Jack Schmiesing along with several seniors from the Troy High School got together and designed and sold purple t-shirts for public awareness concerning teen suicides. This was a result of a Troy student who committed suicide last year. The t-shirts were sold at the Piqua Troy Basketball game in hopes of raising awareness of teen suicides. The students sold 500 purple t-shirts and raised \$3500 which was presented to the Tri- County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services. Commissioner Wilson stated he thought it was great that the students put their rivalry aside and came together for a common goal, and commended the students for their hard work.

Commissioner Terry stated she wanted to congratulate Gordon Wise on receiving the Order of George Award.

Mayor Hinds also congratulated Gordon Wise on receiving the Order of George Award. Mayor Hinds reminded citizens that February is Black History Month and there are a variety of things happening in the community, especially at Edison College, check out their website. The 4-H of Miami County is having a sign up at the Miami Valley Centre Mall is interested come out and sign up. Mayor Hinds also recognized Piqua high school diver Ike Karn on winning back to back GWOC diving events. Also Piqua high school swimmers Corinne Tisher and Meredith Karn placed first in a recent GWOC meets. Piqua High School has a lot of very good swimmers, stated Mayor Hinds.

Mayor Hinds stated that Nancy Luce, Administrator at Upper Valley Career is being recognized as the Ohio Association for Career Technical Education Region One Administrator of the Year, and congratulated her on this achievement.

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

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KATHRY B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION