

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 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 Hinds called the meeting to order. Also present were Commissioners Terry, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: Commissioner Vogt.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to excuse Commissioner Vogt from the February 16, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote: Aye: Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None.

Mayor Hinds welcomed Cub Scout Troup 295 to the Commission Meeting.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-21-16

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Kris E. Lee as a City Employee

Mayor Hinds read the Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Kris Lee.

Mr. Lee commended the leadership within the City and also the fellow police officers he served with in the Police Department. From the top we have a great City Manager Gary Huff, and Police Chief Bruce Jamison was always someone he could go and talk with like a brother or a dad. Mr. Lee further stated that his service to the City of Piqua is not over, he plans to do whatever he can do to help out in the City.

Mayor Hinds congratulated Mr. Lee on his 22 years of service to the Piqua Community.

RES. NO. R-22-16

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution R- 22-16 reappoints Bradley Bulp to the Downtown District Design Review Board for a term to expire on March 1, 2019.

RES. NO. R-23-16

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Civil Service Commission

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-23-16 reappoints Stu Shear to the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire on March 1, 2019.

RES. NO. R-24-16

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Energy Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-24-16 reappoints Joe Drapp Energy Board for a term to expire on March 1, 2021.

RES. NO. R-25-16

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-25-16 appoints Lloyd Shoemaker as a member to the Park Board for a term to expire on March 1, 2021.

RES. NO. R-26-16

A Resolution appointing a member to the Storm Water Utility Board

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-26-16 appoints Ronald Pilkington to the Storm Water Utility Board for a term of two years to expire on August 1, 2017.

RES. NO. R-27-16

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-27-16 reappoints Judy Terry as a member of the Tree Committee for a four year term to expire on March 1, 2020.

RES. NO. R-28-16

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-28-16 reappoints Regina Favorite as a member of the Tree Committee for a four year term to expire on March 1, 2020.

RES. NO. R-29-16

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Tree Committee

City Manager Huff stated Resolution No. R-29-16 appoints Randi Simon-Serey as a member of Tree Committee for a term to expire on March 1, 2019.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 1-16 (2nd 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. This is the second reading of Ordinance 1-16.

Ordinance No. 1-16 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-16

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, Section 30.15 Rules of Conduct of the Piqua Municipal Code

Law Director Stacy Wall provided the Staff Report.

Ms. Wall provided a brief overview of the Code Sections that are being considered for change. The Code Sections being considered are Section 30.15 Rules of Conduct for Meetings, Section (3) Section, (4), and Section (5) (B). This Ordinance will change and set the rules of conduct for Commission meetings in the future, and will establish the Public Comment session taking place at the beginning of the Commission Meeting. If approved Public Comment will not take place after each item of business, and will not take place at the end of the meeting as has been done previously.

After a brief discussion concerning various comments by the Commissioners and if the public comment session will be televised, Ordinance No. 2-16 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-30-16

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Best Equipment Co., for the purchase of a Vac-Con Truck for the Underground Utilities Department

Shane Johnson, Underground Utilities Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

This purchase is part of the ten year capital improvement plan. The unit is in the 2016 Budget with 40% Water funds, 40% Waste Water funds, and 20% Storm water fund, stated Mr. Johnson. This unit will be used on a daily basis, and is a critical tool in the day to day operations. This truck will be used for water main repair, cleaning sanitary mains, and storm mains, cleaning catch basins, water service renewals and aiding other departments as needed.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-30-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-30-16 adopted

RES. NO. R- 31-16

A Resolution requesting authorization to purchase a new Tymco 600 Street Sweeper

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator provided the Staff Report.

Currently the City operates a Tymco 600 2004 model sweeper and have had very good success with the current sweeper. The current machine has reached it normal life span, and is in need of repair and the operations are not up to full standards, stated Mr. Alexander. Last year the sweeper removed 293 tons of sludge over a nine month period. The sweeper makes a whole cycle over the city every thirty days from April through November, which is about 9 times a year on every street, stated Mr. Alexander.

City Manager Huff stated the purpose of the street sweeper is for storm water protection, keeping debris out of the catch basins and etc.

Commissioners asked several questions concerning the use of the sweeper, if the streets were not cleaned what the effect would be, if the old one would still be utilized, Mr. Alexander explained.

After a brief discussion, citizens were advised to help keep their curb areas clear.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-31-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-31-16 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Huff shared some information on lead in drinking water, and provided the City of Piqua’s preventative measures. Piqua is in good shape with the water, and will have a new Water Treatment Plant up and running in early 2017, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff stated he appreciated the work the Street Department did to keep the City streets clear of snow the last few days.

Commissioner Wilson also stated the new Water Treatment Plant will address the algae bloom situation, and that the City of Piqua drinking water source is very clean.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Terry congratulated Kris Lee on his retirement and wished him the best.

Commissioner Wilson also congratulated Kris Lee on his retirement, and thanked Cub Scout Troop m 295 for coming, and in the future as they grow up hope they consider running for a Commission seat.

Mayor Hinds stated what a joy it was to meet with Cub Scout Troop 295. One of the things they talked about was citizenship and what it means to be a good citizen, and what their roll is in the community. They also talked about the importance of voting, and Mayor Hinds encouraged citizens to exercise their right to get out and vote in the upcoming primary election.

Mayor Hinds stated February is Black History Month, and there are some exciting things happening at Edison Community College and encouraged citizens to check out their website for more information.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 7:55 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay, None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION