

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 15, 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, Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: None.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the March 1, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

RES. NO. R-40-16

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Thomas S. Chirsty as a City Employee

Deputy Chief Tom Christy retired after over 35 years of faithful and dedicated service to the City of Piqua and the citizens. Mayor Hinds read the Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Tom Christy.

RES. NO. R-41-16

A Resolution appointing a member to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Skip Murray was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term

RES. NO. R-42-16

A Resolution appointing a member to the Park Board

Edna Stiefel was appointed to the Park Board for a five year term.

RES. NO. R-43-16

A Resolution appointing a member to the Stormwater Utility Board

Perry Townsend was appointed to the Stormwater Utility Board for a term to expire on August 1, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-16 Amended (3rd Reading)

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 stated this is the third reading of Ordinance No. 2-16, and provided the information. This clarifies what the procedural order will be during the meeting, and clarifies when there is a public hearing those speaking at the public hearing will be sworn in, because it is in more the format of a testimony rather than just public comment. Also clarifies that the traditional public comment that has been followed after every agenda item will be at the beginning of the meeting.

Public Comment is not being eliminated, but just being moved to the beginning of the meeting rather than throughout the meeting, stated Ms. Wall.

As a result of the 2nd Reading it was requested that the Ordinance be reviewed to be sure the language was consistent. The Code Sections being considered are Section 30.15 Rules of Conduct for Meetings. Section 30.15 (B) and (C) the word **open** was revised to read as **public** to be consistent with the language of the rest of the Ordinance, and it has been completed, stated Ms. Wall.

Commissioner Wilson stated he received several telephone calls regarding the changes to the Commission Meeting format. Everyone I talked to agreed that moving the public announcement part of the meeting forward made a lot sense, but I didn't find anyone who agreed with eliminating the comment through-out the agenda, said Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Wilson stated the residents he spoke with stated eliminating the public comments after each item of business would take away some of their right to give the commission their input. If they give their comment at the beginning of the meeting they would not be able to respond to commissioner's comments or opinion on a particular line item. It was pretty much unanimous to move the public announcements to the beginning of the meeting, and leave the rest of the meeting as it has always been done, stated Commissioner Wilson.

Law Director Stacy Wall stated the residents commenting during the meeting would only be able to comment one time during the meeting, and would not be able to comment after hearing what the commission has to say after that and then comment again. The rules state you can only comment one time.

Commissioner Martin stated he also received similar input from the public. Now when we do public comment the commission speaks first, then we call for public comment and the public has heard the Commission's comments first. Several residents believe we are taking the public right to comment. Commissioner Martin stated he felt they should leave that part of the meeting the same as it has been.

Commissioner Vogt stated he also heard from the public and mentioned that there might have been a sense of "paranoia" driving that concern. We are not trying to pull a fast one on anybody, but you cannot stop that perception, stated Commissioner Vogt. Commissioner Vogt agreed that the commission should leave the commission meetings the way they are, and is in favor of moving the announcements to the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Terry stated it does not make any difference to her when the public comment is.

Public Comment

Chuck Starrett, Demming Rd., came forward and voiced his concern on the changes to the meeting format. Mr. Starrett stated he was pretty upset when he saw how this was going to be changed and reading the Piqua Charter Section 4.

Mr. Starrett also voiced his opinion on the minutes of the meeting, and the details that should be included.

Mr. Starrett presented the Commissioner's with a copy of the City of Piqua Organization Chart asking that it be posted outside the doors of the Commission Chambers.

Jim Hemmert, Boone Street, came forward and voiced his opinion stating if you are trying to give your public comment before it's been elaborated on, you don't know what is going to go on. Mr. Hemmert further stated he would like to see the commission reconsider how they would like to restructure the meetings. Mr. Hemmert is in agreement with the Public announcements being moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Vogt asked how they can amend the Ordinance at this time. Ms. Wall stated the Ordinance would have to be tabled at this time; you cannot amend on a third reading on just proposed items.

Law Director Wall stated to clarify for the purpose of the minutes, it is not in the Charter it is in the Ordinance. The Clerk and I have met several times about what goes into those minutes, and what the requirements are, so there is no issue with the minutes as it is not part of the ordinance proposed at this time.

Ms. Wall further stated, while the Charter requires public comment you have not taken that away by this ordinance, public comment still exists, it is just where it is put at in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-44-16

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Godwin Pumps of America, Inc. for the purchase of a portable 6' Diesel Pump & Hoses for all Water Utilities Departments

Dave Davis, Wastewater Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

The purchase of a Portable 6" Diesel Driven Pump & Hoses from Godwin Pumps of America, Inc. will be made by using the State Contract, State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services, with a purchase price of not to exceed \$40,000. This purchase was in the 2016 budget using 40% Water funds and 20% Stormwater funds.

This unit will be used by all water divisions when needed during Emergencies within the city. The unit is mounted on a 2 wheel trailer with a 60 Gal. fuel tank, and includes proper PM Kits and Suction and Discharge Hose. The unit carries a 2000Hrs/1Year Warranty on engine Pump & Trailer, stated Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis provided information on some of the past emergencies this could have been used for and what type of emergencies it could be used for in the future.

Dave Burtner, Director of Utilities, provided additional information stating in the past they have had to rent equipment when needed.

Commissioners asked several questions on the pump size, what the city currently has, and whether it will be diesel or gas.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-44-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-44-16 adopted

RES. NO. R- 45-16

A Resolution approving the Fiscal year 2016 Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program Application and authorizing the City Manager to submit the application to the Ohio Development Services Agency

City Manager Huff stated he would like a motion to table indefinitely Resolution No. R-45-16 at this time. The City found out the particular work that was planned to be done with the grant money is not eligible to be used for that type of work so it is unnecessary to apply at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to table Resolution No. R-45-16 indefinitely at this time. Roll call, Aye, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-45-16 tabled indefinitely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the Dayton Business Journal recently conducted a poll of the most livable cities in the Dayton area, and Piqua won the first round with 63% of the vote. Piqua will continue into the next round and encouraged citizens to vote again.

The American Public Power Association recognized the Piqua Power System with the "Certificate of Excellence" in reliability for 2015. This is another great award for the City of Piqua, and the Power Department, stated City Manager Huff.

The Employee GIVE Committee provided distribution of non-perishable food items to Piqua High School students for their spring break period. This is a great program that provides valuable assistance to less fortunate students, and plays a very big role in the community for the city, stated City Manager Huff.

On March 17, 2016 the City will be hosting a Regional Work Force Summit at the Piqua Plaza from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. and have over 140 participants registered so far.

Commissioner Wilson asked City Manager Huff if he could give a brief update on the Community 4th of July celebration plans so far.

City Manager Huff stated he has posted information on his blog. The daytime events will take place at Fountain Park from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and there will be activities for children, including a zip line, musical entertainment, and will have the non-profit and church groups providing food items. The evening activities will take place downtown at Lock Nine Park around 6:00 PM with two bands and a great fireworks display at the end of the evening. This should be a great day of celebration for the City of Piqua.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Martin reminded citizens to put their bags out with their can goods for the Boy Scouts to come by and pick up on Saturday, March 19th.

Commissioner Terry wished Tom Christy a happy retirement.

Mayor Hinds stated the Piqua High School Men's Chorus received a Superior Rating at the State Contest, and congratulated them on this award.

Mayor Hinds stated she attended the Active Living Committee Meeting. There is a lot going on in the community, especially around healthy activities. People are getting out riding their bikes and walking, getting active. There is a whole movement to get the community active, stated Mayor Hinds. The 6th grade classes at Piqua Central Intermediate School are running three days a week, and are going to be running in the 5K Run that the High School Cross Country Team is sponsoring in May. There will be more information coming in the future.

Mayor Hinds stated she went to Columbus with Piqua resident Jason McCabe who serviced by Riverside Developmental Disabilities in Miami County and is employed by RT Industries. Mr. McCabe spoke at the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Advocacy Day on March 8, 2016. He did a wonderful job and represented the Piqua Community well, and thanked him for the great job he did in Columbus.

Mayor Hinds stated she has noticed the Piqua Police Department has been in the news lately with some of the new tactics they have been taking to eliminate heroin in our community.

The Piqua Kiwanis had a successful Pancake Breakfast recently and thanked them for all the good work they do for the children in the community.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:02 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION