

**MINUTES**  
**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 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 Vogt, Wilson, and Martin. Absent: Terry.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to excuse Commissioner Terry from the April 5, 2016 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Roll call, Aye: Wilson, Hinds, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None.

**OATH OF OFFICE – PIQUA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF – LEE A. ADAMS

Law Director Stacy Wall administered the Oath of Office for Assistant Fire Chief to Lee A. Adams.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-46-16**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Lock Nine Park and Linear Park to Mainstreet Piqua and Piqua Arts Council

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

Jordan Knepper, Executive Director of the Piqua Arts Council came forward and provided information regarding the three scheduled Rock Piqua Concerts scheduled for June 18, July 16, and August 20. Mr. Knepper further stated the first year attendance averaged 2500 – 2800, last year the attendance was not as good, but they are hoping to average 2500 – 3000 this year with the change in the music line-up.

Lorna Swisher, Executive Director of Mainstreet Piqua, came forward and provided additional information on the various food vendors that will be in attendance at each of the concerts.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-46-16.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-46-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-46-16 adopted

**RES. NO. R-47-16**

A Resolution to amend the contract with Strand Associates to move into the bidding phase for the new Central Zone Water Tower project

Bob Jennings, Assistant Water Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

Resolution No. R-89-13 was passed to allow Strand Associates to begin the research and design for a new water tower for the central zone of the distribution system for the city. Strand has been looking for the best location for the tower and a parcel of land located at 316 Fox Drive was donated to the City of Piqua for the tower by Paul Sherry. A new 12" water main will be installed along Drake Road and through an easement on the Sherry property to connect the tower to the water system on Fox Drive, stated Mr. Jennings. The water tower and the water main extension will be bid as separate projects, with demolition of the Spring Street and South Main Street Water Towers will also be included in the new tower bids. A 1.075 million dollar grant has been secured from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the construction of the new water tower, stated Mr. Jennings.

Chris Ruggles, Project Manager for Strand Associates came forward and provided additional information regarding the new water tower installation.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the construction of the water tower. The use of cement versus steel framing, and if the bottom of the tank will have storage in it. Mr. Ruggles answered all of the questions.

#### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-47-16.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-47-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Hinds, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-47-16 adopted.

#### **RES. NO. R-48-16**

A Resolution requesting authorization for the purchase of two valves and the materials needed for installation of the valves on the 20 inch water main feeding the distribution system from the current Water Treatment Plant

Bob Jennings, Assistant Water Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report

It has been determined that two valves on the 20" feed line from the current water treatment plant leading in to the city are not operable. The valves are essential for the integrity and flexibility of the distribution system. The new valves will remain in use after the new treatment plant comes on line. Without these valves the city would not be able to fill the East Ash Street Water Tower during that construction period.

#### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-48-16.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-48-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Hinds, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-48-16 adopted.

#### **RES. NO. R-49-16**

A Resolution requesting authorization for the installation of a line stop and two valves on the 20 inch water main feeding the distribution system from the current Water Treatment Plant

Bob Jennings, Assistant Water Plant Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

A line-stop is needed to be installed, currently there is no way to isolate this portion of the main because of the broken valves. The line-stop will allow the main to be shut down so that the new valves can be installed with minimal interruption to customer service.

Commissioners asked if this was the only company that could do the work, and if that is the only location that will be affected. Mr. Jennings explained.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-49-16

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-49-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Hinds, Wilson, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-49-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-50-16**

A Resolution requesting final legislation to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of State Route 185 within the City of Piqua

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

On May 6, 2014 the City Commission passed a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a preliminary agreement with ODOT for the resurfacing of State Route 185. ODOT has completed the plans and specification for the project and is ready to bid the project.

The project limits of the resurfacing project are Sunset Drive (SR 185) from Covington Avenue to the west corporation limit. The resurfacing project will consist of the necessary roadway base repairs, the milling and the overlaying of the roadway with new asphalt surface course, and the installation of new pavement marking, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked if this project would be done this year, and if it will be done before the school years begins? Ms. Havenar stated yes, but they cannot begin before July as Vectren is working in the area at this time.

Commissioner Martin asked if anyone knew if Sunset Drive was supposed to be a Sate Route. Ms. Havenar stated she was not sure.

Dave Burtner, Utilities Director, stated when he first came here he was told it was supposed to be a loop around the City.

Commissioner Wilson stated so the work that is being done on Sunset is preliminary work? Ms. Havenar stated that work is being done by the Underground Utilities Department

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-50-16.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-50-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-50-16 adopted

**RES. NO. R- 51-16**

A Resolution awarding a contract to Grissom Construction, LLC for the sidewalk ADA Compliance Program

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

On March 16, 20216 two bids were received for the Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program. The work will consist of the installation of 41 ADA compliant handicap ramps at intersection along the streets to be resurfaced as a part of the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program as well as at a few other locations throughout the City. The contractor will also install 2 additional handicap compliant ADA ramps at the intersection of Cedarbrook Drive and Covington Avenue which were not a part of the

Covington Avenue Resurfacing Project scheduled for 2017. This is a request to add the two additional ramps to Grissom Construction's contract. Grissom Construction did the work last year, and were glad they are coming back again this year, stated Ms. Havenar.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-51-16.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-51-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-51-16 adopted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jean Franz, Parkridge Place, came forward and provided a little bit of her background on help the city with many projects including planting and maintaining of the flower beds on the square and various other locations in the city, she is a former member of the Planning Commission/ Board of Zoning Appeals, and a founding member of the Southview Neighborhood Association.

Ms. Franz voiced her concerns over the housing stock in the City of Piqua, trash on porches, peeling paint, numerous cars sitting around that are not operational. Ms. Franz asked what plans the city has to correct these issues.

Mayor Hinds stated we are working on Community Pride, encouraging neighbors to work on their properties; there are some residents who are unable to financially do repairs. The HELP Program is helping residents who are need of help to get their homes repaired. The City is in the process of hiring a full-time Code Coordinator at this time.

City Manager Huff provided additional information on the duties of the Code Coordinator, further stating they hope to have them on board soon. Ms. Franz asked who the Code Coordinator would report to. City Manager Huff stated the Development Department. Mrs. Franz stated she is looking forward to seeing this happen.

Ms. Franz also inquired the former Renew Piqua Paint Programs and if there were any funds left in that account to help residents. Mayor Hinds stated that is what the HELP Program is for. Nikki Reece the Community Program Director is working on getting the word out to the residents that are need of help, and she has put a lot of time and work in this program.

Mayor Hinds stated Ms. Franz is doing a wonderful job on the flower beds and the other projects she is involved in. We are working on residents having City Pride in their homes and their neighborhoods.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Huff stated the Low Dam has been raised for summer operating levels.

City Manager Huff announced the Development Department and the Southview Neighborhood Association are sponsoring a Landlord-Tenant Workshop on April 14, at 7:00 P.M. at the Mote Park Community Center.

City Manager Huff also announced several Ribbon Cuttings of new businesses in town on April 14, 2016. They include the F45 Training in the Riverside Place, relocation of the Piqua Daily Call, on North Main Street, and the Family Farm and Home on E. Ash Street.

City Manager Huff stated there will be a Commission Work Session on Thursday April 14, at 7:30 P.M. in the Commission Chambers.

City Manager Huff stated they want to continue to wish Commissioner Terry a speedy recovery.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Commissioner Martin stated he helped paint houses previously and asked what happened to that program.

City Manager Huff stated the program was not operating when he came.

Commissioner Wilson stated he thought Lucy Fess started the programs with some funding from local businesses. City Manager Huff stated the HELP Program is working to help those citizens get the needed repairs for their homes, and further explained the other services they help with. Mayor Hinds stated the HELP Program has received some money from the Miami County Foundation.

Commissioner Martin wished Commissioner Terry a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Martin also notes the weather is getting nicer and there are more people out and about, and to be aware when you are driving.

Commissioner Wilson stated there are a lot of good programs and asked if it would be possible to highlight one of the programs at each Commission Meeting so better inform citizens of the programs. City Manager Huff stated his City Blog is a good source for information.

Commissioner Vogt stated some of the houses in the City are really looking shabby, however there are some very nice homes. Some of homes use blankets for window coverings, and citizens need to take pride in their homes and neighborhood. It is getting and citizens are getting out and working in their yards now.

Mayor Hinds stated Citizens Pride is very important, and we are working to get all our citizens prideful about not only their homes, but the community as well. Mayor Hinds stated she appreciates Ms. Franz bringing this to the City's attention.

Mayor Hinds announced the State of the Schools is scheduled at the YWCA on April 6, 2016.

Mayor Hinds also stated this is Autism Awareness Month and asked citizens to be aware of those who have autism in the community.

Mayor Hinds announced the Run Club at Piqua Central Intermediate School has a one mile run on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It is exciting to see these young children getting involved and out moving in the community.

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

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

REBECCA J. COOL  
CLERK OF COMMISSION