

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 19, 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, Terry, and Martin. Absent: Wilson.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to excuse Commissioner Wilson from the April 19, 2016 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Roll call, Aye: Terry, Hinds, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Hamilton, invited the Mayor to attend Special Memorial Day Service on May 1, 2016, at the Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church. In conjunction with that Mr. Hamilton read a Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Hinds thanked Mr. Hamilton for the works he does.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the April 5, 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 Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared the Consent Agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 4-16 (1ST Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 51 of the Piqua Municipal Code: Sewers

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

This Ordinance will amend the language in Chapter 51 of the Municipal Code in regards to wastewater. The Piqua Wastewater Treatment Plant recently went under an Audit by the Ohio EPA, and as a result of the audit these changes were recommended. The changes are all on page four in Ordinance No. 4-16, and pertains to one definition in the entire chapter. But that change will make it consistent with what the State Law, specifically the Ohio Administrative Code requires, stated Ms. Wall.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 4-16.

Ordinance No. 4-16 was given a first reading.

ORD. NO. 5-16 (1ST Reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a proposed amendment to Piqua Charter Section 4 the Commission

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

Ordinance No. 5-16 comes before the Commission not from any result of the Charter Review Committee requesting, but something that the staff is requesting, stated Ms. Wall. This Charter amendment would go before the voters if approved on the November 8, 2016 General Election to vote on. This states what the City Commission would be able to go into Executive Session for. The additional reasons to go into Executive Session will not be open-ended, and will be specifically defined by the Ohio Revised Code. New Sections include Sections H, I, and J. Section H: pertains to matters that are under security reasons, emergency response protocols, Section I: for reasons of Economic Development as defined by Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G) (8), and Section J: any other matters authorized by the Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 as it specifically applies to municipalities.

Commissioner Terry asked what happens if the voters do not pass the Charter Amendment will the City not be in compliance? Ms. Wall explained.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 5-16.

Ordinance No. 5-16 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. R-52-16

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Horton Emergency Vehicles Company for the purchase of a medic for the Fire Department

Fire Chief Brent Pohlschneider provided the Staff Report.

The current Medic Unit is a 1996 model, and requires regular maintenance due to its age, and the dependability is decreasing. That unit was due to be replaced four years ago, but was kept due to the failure of a 2007 model that was replaced in 2012. With the new unit we are looking to maintain the dependability of our fleet, stated Fire Chief Pohlschneider.

Commissioner Martin asked if the 1996 Unit would be retired or sold. Fire Chief Pohlschneider stated the Police Department is interested in using it.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-52-16.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-52-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-52-16 adopted

RES. NO. R-53-16

A Resolution amending the agreement with LJB, Inc. for the design and right-of-way acquisition services for the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

In September of 2013 the City Commission approved an agreement with LJB Inc. for the Design Services and Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for the Garnsey Street/Commercial Street Corridor Neighborhood Connector Project. Since, LJB, Inc has begun their extensive research into the right-of-way for this project, it prompted the Miami County Tax Map Department to make revisions to the county map records, which has significantly impacted the design of the project. Thus additional engineering and right-of-way services have become necessary to bring this project to a close and allow for construction to proceed, stated Ms. Havenar

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-53-16.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-53-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Hinds, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-53-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-54-16

A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. R-130-15 and enacting new Consent Legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the microsurfacing of various routes including a portion of US Route 36 within the City of Piqua

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report

The Ohio Department of Transportation is requesting the City to rescind Resolution R-130-15 as the work location has been removed from the project and has been added to another project. The project itself will consist of the microsurfacing of US Route 36 from Straight Line Miler 4.61 to 8.24 containing a portion within the City of Piqua.

Commissioner Martin asked what is microsurfacing? Ms. Havenar explained the process.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-54-16.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-54-16 be adopted. vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-54-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-55-16

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

Jim Burkhardt, Wilshire Drive, came forward and provided information on the request for the use of a portion of Lock Nine Park and Linear Park to Mainstreet Piqua. Mr. Burkhardt stated the plan is to attract people to the riverfront area to raise the profile of the water trail and the recreational trail system. They will offer samplings of a variety of beers and food, with the food being from local restaurants. It will also include a musical performance. Also available will be canoeing, kayaking, and stand up paddle boarding on the Great Miami River water trail, along with demonstrations of cycling equipment on the recreational trail. Proceeds raised from the event will be used to support the maintenance and promotion of the river corridor and the recreational trail system, stated Mr. Burkhardt.

Mayor Hinds stated this is a wonderful event and encouraged citizens to attend.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-55-16

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-55-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-55-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-56-16

A Resolution requesting authorization to amend the agreement with Bowser-Morner, Inc. for the testing and observation services for the off-site pipeline project as a part of the Water Treatment Plant

Don Freisthler, Water Plant Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

Resolution No. R-30-15 was approved by the Commission authorizing the City of Piqua to enter into an Agreement with Bowser-Morner, Inc. for testing and observation services for the construction of the new raw water treatment plant. The original scope of services was set up to have a technician to be on-site 4 hours per day. As the project has progressed it has been determined there was a need to have a technician 8 hours per day to ensure the work being done was meeting contract specifications. This resolution will cover a technician to be on-site 8 hours per day on the off-site project for a total of 79 more days until the contractor finishes the project. The contract will increase by \$40,000 to a total of \$58,000, stated Mr. Freisthler.

Commissioner Terry asked if it was an issue of liability or part of the contract to have someone on site for 8 hours? Mr. Freisthler stated it is part of the contract and further explained.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-56-16.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-56-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-56-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 57-16

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for funding to make improvements to Hartzell Field at the Piqua Municipal Airport Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Each year the Ohio Department of Transportation requests proposals for their Ohio Airport Grant Program. This program, funded at \$6 million for SEY2017 provides Ohio's small airports funding for obstruction removal and runway improvements. The City of Piqua is submitting a funding application for the installation of a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) system at the Piqua Airport-Hartzell Field.

City Manager Huff provided a brief overview of what the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) system is used for.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-57-16.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-57-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye, Terry, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-57-16 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Jaqua, N. Sunset Drive, came forward stating he feels his family's business "Heritage Catering" is being discriminated against by the City of Piqua. Mr. Jaqua feels the Plaza Coordinator is not recommending his family's business as a catering option at the Ft. Piqua Plaza.

City Manager Huff and Mayor Hinds indicated that they agree the City of Piqua cannot recommend a specific business. Bill Jaqua acknowledged that City Manager Huff invited him to meet with him on the issue and the City Manager said he would accept responsibility for the one specific incident he was made aware of and was addressing the issue.

Lorna Swisher, Executive Director of Mainstreet Piqua came forward and provided information and requesting permission to move the Farmer's Market from the Corner of Spring and Ash Streets to the area in front of the Ft. Piqua Plaza/Library on High Street. The first Famer's Market

will take place on May 26, from 3:30 – 6:30. Ms. Swisher feels the move will provide more visibility to the Farmer's Market area, and also be safer being away from the heavy traffic on E. Ash Street.

Commissioner Vogt voice his concern over the parking of tractors & trailers in the area, and being able to move Fire Trucks, Rescue and Police vehicles through the area if needed.

Commissioner Martin also voiced his concern over the parking situation.

Commissioner Terry said am I understanding this correctly, High Street would be closed and Market Street would remain open. Ms. Swisher stated yes.

City Manager Huff stated there are over 1500 parking spaces available in the downtown area.

Ms. Swisher announced the Taste of the Arts will take place on Friday evening May 20, 2016, From 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. and invited everyone to come downtown.

After a brief discussion, the Mayor asked if all were in favor of moving the Farmer's Market to the area in front of the Ft. Piqua Plaza on High Street. Mayor Hinds, Commissioner's Terry and Martin were in favor, Commissioner Vogt was not in favor of moving the Farmer's Market at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the 5/3rd property located on N. Main Street has been purchased by a developer who is going to renovate into offices, and is also going to open a restaurant on the corner of Spring & Ash streets. We hope to have more information and possibly have renderings by the State of the City on April 28, 2016, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff announced he and several of the Commissioners attended several ribbon cuttings recently, they included: F46 Training, Piqua Daily Call, and Family Farm & Home. We hope to have a lot more of these in the very near future, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff announced on Thursday April 21, 2016 the Golden Sledge Hammer Ceremony will take place at the Scott Family Piqua East Mc Donald's. The current structure/restaurant will be demolished and they will be building a new McDonalds Restaurant to be completed sometime this summer, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff announced the City of Piqua will host the Upper Floor Historic Building Development Workshop at the Ft. Piqua Plaza on Tuesday, April 26, 11:00– 4:00 P.M. We are very hopeful this will encourage residential living in our downtown.

City Manager Huff also announced there will be a Walking Tour of the Downtown Riverfront Development area on Tuesday, leaving from the Ft. Piqua Plaza at 5:00 P.M. We hope to highlight the vision the city has for the riverfront development, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff announced the State of the City presentation will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the Ft. Piqua Plaza with reservations and refreshment beginning at 8:00, and the presentation will begin at 8:30 A.M.

City Manager Huff provided information on one of the Citizens Involvement Programs, the ADOPT Program, and explained how citizens can get involved in the program.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Vogt reminded citizens not to blow their grass clippings into the street as it will clog the sewers. Commissioner Vogt also reminded citizens to clean up their properties, including their front porch, and to pick up trash around their property.

Commissioner Martin asked citizens to be pro-active and not blow their grass out into the street to help reduce the sewer problems, and possibly the help lower the sewer tax in the future.

Mayor Hinds stated Ryan King of Can't Stop Running completed the Boston Marathon recently and congratulated him on his accomplishment, and making Piqua proud.

Mayor Hinds stated on Sunday April 17, 2016 she spent some time walking through the Shawnee Neighborhood handing out surveys. Nikki Reese, Development Manager, along with the Citizens for a Better Piqua are working on getting information out to the Shawnee residents about income surveys they need to have completed and returned to be able to apply for grant funding. Funds will be used for street improvements, storm sewer improvements, sidewalks, automated water meters, and public parks improvements. Please complete and return the surveys to help get the much needed grant funding. It was wonderful to get to meet some our citizens, stated Mayor Hinds.

Mayor Hinds also stated she attended the Piqua Associated of Church meeting and shared the City of Piqua HELP Program with them, and explaining how they can get involved with the program.

Mayor Hinds stated she attended the Top 100 Banquet at the Piqua High School. This year there were over 100 students involved.

Mayor Hinds stated she also attended the many Ribbon Cuttings recently, and is looking forward to having many more in the future.

Mayor Hinds announced the Dancing with the Piqua Stars raised over \$50,000 and thanked all who participated, and all who attended the performances.

Mayor Hinds announced the Piqua Neighborhood Inc. will be raising funds for Piqua Park Improvements by having a Community Fundraiser at Bob Evans Restaurant on April 29 – May 1, 2016. Flyers are available in the various locations, and in the City Manager's office. The flyer must be presented at the time of check out for them to receive credit.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting in to Executive Session at 8:20 P.M, to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn from the Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 9:01 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION