

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, May 17, 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 Wilson, Vogt, Terry, and Martin. Absent: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Juliya Hisang, Piqua High School Key Club President, came forward and provided a brief overview of the Bike Rodeo the Key Club held on April 23, 2016.

Mayor Hinds thanked the Key Club for their work on the Bike Rodeo.

**PROCLAMATION- POLICE WEEK**

Mayor Hinds read the proclamation and presented it to Sean Stein, Police Officer of the Year.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to move into Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes, and consider matters regarded as confidential by federal law or rules of state statutes. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Move to Executive Session to:

- a. Consider the purchase or sale of property for public purposes
- b. Consider matters regarded as confidential by federal law or rules of state statutes

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn from Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the May 3, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

**RES. NO. R-68-16**

A Resolution appointing a member to the Governing Board of the Piqua Improvement Corporation

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 4-16 (3rd Reading)**

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

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

This is the third reading of Ordinance No. 4-16. A routine audit was conducted recently by the Ohio EPA and several changes were recommended. Ordinance No. 4-16 will amend the language in Chapter 51 of the Municipal Code in regards to wastewater. 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.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the Ordinance No. 4-16 be adopted. Voice vote: Aye, Martin, Vogt, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Ordinance No. 4-16 adopted.

**ORD. NO. 5-16 (3rd 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.

This is the third reading of Ordinance No. 5-16. This states what the City Commission would be able to go into Executive Session for 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.

**Public Comment**

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

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 5-16 be adopted. Roll call: Aye: Martin, Hinds, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Ordinance No. 5-16 adopted.

Law Director Wall stated this will be forwarded to the Board of Elections to be put on the November 2016 Ballot.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 6-16**

An Emergency Ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Piqua

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

American Legal Publishing has completed the 2015 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Piqua. American Legal has recommended the revision or addition of certain sections of the Code which are based on or make reference to the Ohio Code, stated Ms. Wall.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 6-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the rule requiring Ordinance No. 6-16 be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Roll call, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 6-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye, Hinds, Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. NO. 7-16 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 152: Historical Preservation of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinances

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua established Rehabilitation of Historic Building Design Standards and a Downtown Historic District Map in 1999. The adoption of the Ordinance 17-02 amended the Downtown Historic District Map boundaries to include additional properties to utilize Community Development Block Grant Tier II Funds if made available, stated Mr. Schmiesing. A recent survey of downtown property owners determined interest in participating in the Community Block Grant Tier II Funds program. It is necessary to amend the boundaries of the Downtown Historic District to include additional eligible properties that may have an interest in participating in the program.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding some of the buildings and properties that may be involved, and the Historic District area now. Mr. Schmiesing answered all questions.

**Public Comment**

Al Fledderman, Harney Street, came forward and asked a question regarding the Historic District and how the homes and businesses were designated to be located in the Historic District.

City Manager Huff stated this is not a mandatory requirement. The City is just going to apply for grant funds to help the residents and businesses in the Historic District.

After a brief discussion, Ordinance No. 7-16 was given a first reading.

**ORD. NO. 8-16 (1<sup>ST</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a proposed amendment to the Piqua Charter Section 5 President of Commission, Mayor

Stacy Wall, Law Director provided the Staff Report.

At the request of the City Commission after the last election the City Commission held a Work Session to discuss the election of the Mayor. There was some confusion on voting for the Mayor and a committee was set up to review the election of Mayor. Three options were presented to City Commission by the committee, and this option was chosen, stated Ms. Wall.

**Public Comment**

Al Fledderman, Harney Street, came forward and stating he is against this ordinance and voiced his concerns over the changes they are requesting.

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, came forward stating he is in favor of the prospered Ordinance.

Ms. Wall provided additional information on why this is the most popular reason, further stating the Mayor has no more authority than the rest of the Commissioners, but as Mayor provides other duties such as providing and deliver proclamations.

Thomas Beck, Garfield Street, voiced his opinion on the need for the Charter change.

Several of the Commissioners voiced their opinions on the need for the Charter change.

After a brief discussion, Ordinance No. 8-16 was given a first reading.

**RES. NO. R-69-16**

A Resolution retaining the service of Horan to provided Health Insurance Consulting Services for the City of Piqua

Elaine Barton, Human Resources Director, provided the Staff Report.

Horan has worked with the City of Piqua for the past six years as the health insurance consultant. In 2013 the option was extended for another three years. HORAN's current proposal includes a modest increase for the next three year period. Since the City has worked with HORAN, they have received two years of 0% increase and in 2016 received an 8% reduction saving the City over \$150,000 in premiums. HORAN has worked with the City on setting up an on-site clinic and continues to assist the City in this endeavor, stated Ms. Barton.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-69-16.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-69-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-69-16 adopted

**RES. NO. R 70-16**

A Resolution authorizing a contract with Studio Graphique to perform Professional design Services for the Citywide Wayfinding project

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The first Phase of the Citywide Wayfinding Plan has been completed, and the City is now ready to begin Phase Two. Studio Graphique's has provided a quote to complete Phase Two and the City would like to move forward at this time with the next phase.

Commissioners asked several questions about the signage and the locations of the signs. Mr. Schmiesing provided additional information that answered all questions.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-70-16.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-70-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Hinds, Wilson, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-70-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-71-16**

A Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 NatureWorks 23<sup>rd</sup> round application for the Mote Park restroom renovations project and authorize the City Manager to submit to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Nikki Reese, Development program Director, provided the Staff Report.

The City will be applying for Round 23 NatureWorks funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for renovations to the restrooms at the Mote Park Community Center. The restrooms have not been updated since they were constructed in 1963. There is a 25% match for this funding. Miami County's NatureWorks Allocation for Round 23 is \$23,527 with the application due June 1, 2016, stated Ms. Reese.

Commissioner Wilson asked if it was an all or nothing grant. City Manager Huff explained.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-71-16

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-71-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-71-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-72-16**

A Resolution authorizing the sale of City owned real estate

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager provided the Staff Report.

The petitioner desired to acquire a portion of property owned by the City of Piqua known as 110 E. Ash Street. The property is currently vacant and is critical to redevelopment of the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor. The buyer desires to assume control of the property to facilitate future economic development, and the sale of the property will result in a net income of \$56,500, stated Mr. Sommer.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-72-16.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-72-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Hinds, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-72-16 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Huff reminded citizens of the Taste of the Arts that will take place on May 20, 2016, in downtown Piqua from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

City Manager also reminded citizens about grass getting into the stormwater drains.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Commissioner Vogt asked if it would be possible to get the agenda pages numbers in the future. City Manager Huff stated he would look into it. Commissioner Vogt also reminded citizens to not blow their grass clippings out into the street, and suggested the Commission look into passing legislation on the matter.

Commissioner Wilson congratulated Officer Sean Stein on being nominated Officer of the Year.

Commissioner Wilson reminded citizens to attend the Taste of the Arts on May, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Wilson stated the planters in the downtown area are done and thanked the Green Leaf Garden Club and the 4 Seasons Garden Club for their dedication to making the downtown planters beautiful each year. The City appreciates all of their hard work and efforts on this project.

Commissioner Terry also commented on the flowers beds in the downtown area that the Piqua City Street Department gets ready each year are beautiful.

Mayor Hinds stated she completed the first "Walk with the Mayor". Mayor Hinds further stated the first walk took place on Monday May, 26 in the Shawnee Neighborhood with Commissioner

Martin, along with a group of the Shawnee residents. This is a good way to find out what the needs are in the neighborhood. The next walk will take place in Ward 2, stated Mayor Hinds.

Mayor Hinds stated there is a lot of ways for citizens to find out information or provide information, they include: Community Calendar, Facebook, Piqua Daily Call articles, the event tab on the City of Piqua website page. Mayor Hinds encouraged citizens to get involved with the community.

Mayor Hinds congratulated the Piqua High School Show Choir and the Band on their accomplishments, along with their Director Tom Westfall.

Mayor Hinds also thanked all who came out to help with the Community Cleanup.

Mayor Hinds stated on July 8 - 9 the first "Hope Over Heroin" event kicks off at the Miami County Fairgrounds sponsored by the local churches. Volunteers will meet with those seeking help at this event to connect them with services for physical, mental and spiritual out-reach.

A group of third graders held a mock City Commission Meeting recently in the Commission Chambers, and from the looks of their meeting the City will be in good hands in the future, stated Mayor Hinds.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 9:00 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

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

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