

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 7, 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, and Martin. Absent: Terry.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to excuse Commissioner Terry from the June 7, 2016 Piqua City Commission Meeting. Voice vote, Aye; Martin, Wilson, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several Boy Scouts from Troop #295 came forward stating they were in attendance to earn merit badges.

Mayor Hinds presented a special Proclamation to Duane Bachman who is celebrating his 80th Birthday. Mayor Hinds read the proclamation and congratulated Mr. Bachman on his 80th birthday, and for all of the contributions he has made to the Piqua Community over the years.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

City Manager Huff asked that the three reading rule be waived at this time in order to meet the June 17th deadline to apply for funding.

ORD. NO. 7-16 (2nd Reading)

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

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director, 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 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.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance 7-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that the rule requiring the

Ordinance to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 7-16 be adopted. Voice vote: Aye, Hinds, Vogt, Martin, and Wilson. Nay, None.

ORD. NO. 8-16 (2nd 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 process for the Mayor, Three options were then presented to the City Commission by the committee, and this option was chosen, stated Ms. Wall.

Public Comment

Al Fledderman, Harney Street, came forward and voiced his concerns on this ordinance over the changes they are requesting. Further stating he believes the citizens should be able to vote for the Mayor of their choice.

The Mayor has no more authority than the rest of the Commissioners as Mayor, and is not a tie-breaker but can provide other duties such performing weddings, and presenting proclamations, stated Commissioner Vogt.

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

Mayor Hinds provided additional information regarding the reason for the changes, further stating the Commission is doing their best to find a reasonable solution surrounding the Mayor seat.

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

Ord. No. 10-16 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Sections 94.23, 94.24, and 94.26 of Chapter 94 and adopting new Sections 94.23, 94.24, and 94.26 of the Piqua Municipal Code

Stacy Wall, Law Director, provide the Staff Report.

This Ordinance will amend certain code sections regarding our Parks. There is a lot of outdated language in the code and changes are needed to bring the code up to date. Ms. Wall outlined the changes and updates that will take place if Ordinance No. 10-16 is adopted.

Several questions were raised about smoking in the city parks, also in Section 94.23 why not use a generic term such as all city parks instead of listing all the parks so as parks are added in the future legislation does not have to be changed. Ms. Wall answered all questions.

Public Comment

Al Fledderman, Harney Drive, voiced his opinion over having consistent hours at all the Parks. Ms. Wall provided additional information. Mr. Fledderman also asked the reason for not allowing geocaching in the City Parks, as the Boy Scouts do this. Ms. Wall explained. City Manager Huff further stated when digging they may dig into the underground electric lines.

Brad Boehringer, Mound Street, voice his opinion on curfew times in the City Parks.

After a lengthy discussion Ordinance No. 10-16 was given a first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-73-16

A Resolution accepting ownership of a lift station

City Manager Huff stated in light of some new information received prior to the meeting, he would like to ask the Commission to table Resolution Res. No. R-73-16 until some possible corrections can be made to the legal language of the document.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-73-16 be tabled until the first meeting in July so the legal description can be verified. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-73-16 tabled until the first meeting in July.

RES. NO. R 74-16

A Resolution awarding a contract to Walls Bros. Asphalt Co, Inc. for the Spiker Road Resurfacing Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Two bids were received on May 4, 2016 for the Spiker Road Resurfacing Project. The project will consist of the resurfacing of approximately 1 mile of roadway on Spiker Road between US Route 36 and Piqua Clayton Road. This includes pavement repairs, installation of berm, and the installation of pavement markings.

Walls Brothers Asphalt Co, Inc. was the successful bidder on the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program, and they have done many other successful paving jobs for the City, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioner Martin asked if the resurfacing would be done without closing the road. Ms. Havenar stated the City will allow them to close the road to do the project.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-74-16.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-74-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Hinds, Wilson, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-74-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-75-16

A Resolution awarding a contract to Finrock Construction Co, for the Cedarbrook Waterline Replacement Project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer, provided the Staff Report.

Bids were received on May 26, 2016 for the Cedarbrook Waterline Replacement Project. The project will consist of the installation of approximately 850 LF of 8" ductile iron water main along with valves, hydrants, new water services, and other miscellaneous appurtenances in Cedarbrook Drive.

The new water main will replace the existing 6" cast iron main in Cedarbrook which was identified as an area of replacement in the City's Water Distribution Master Plan, stated Ms. Havenar.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-75-16

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-75-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-75-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-76-16

A Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Allocation Program, Downtown Revitalization Program, and Critical Infrastructure Program, application for program year 2016 and authorizing the City Manager to submit the applications to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development

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

Each year the City of Piqua receives an allocation from the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (ODSA, OCD) to implement local activities through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The City's allocation for 2016 is \$75,000, which is the same amount received last year.

The CDBG Critical Infrastructure Projects are designed to assist eligible communities with high-priority, single-purpose infrastructure improvement that will alleviate failed or failing systems, including storm drainage and other public facilities. The maximum grant funding is \$300,000.00, stated Ms. Reese.

The City successfully completed an income survey in the Shawnee Neighborhood in May of 2016. They had to gather 247 income surveys to have a valid income survey per ODSA's guidelines. This year they will be able to apply for CBDG Critical infrastructure Grant for storm water improvements in the Shawnee Neighborhood.

The City will also be applying for CDBG Downtown Revitalization Program grant. The maximum grant funding is \$300,000.00. Interior and exterior building code violation corrections will be addressed. There are 21 units from business owners who have signed a letter of interest to participate in the program at this time.

The applications are due June 17th, and the City will notified in August if the Critical Infrastructure, and CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grants are funded, stated Ms. Reese.

Ms. Reese thanked the Citizens For A Better Piqua group for their help in obtaining the income surveys in the Shawnee Neighborhood. There were 13 volunteers who worked three months going door to door collecting the surveys. Without their help this could not have been done, one volunteer put in over 20 hours on this project, said Ms. Reese.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-76-16.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-76-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Hinds, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-76-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-77-16

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Arrow Surface Engineering, Inc. for the resurfacing of the Pitsenbarger Tennis Courts for the Public Works Department

Doug Harter, Public Works Director, provided the Staff Report.

The public tennis courts at Pitsenbarger Park are in need of replacement, along with the fence surrounding the tennis courts. Bids were received and opened on May 5, 2016 and Arrow Surface Engineering, Inc. was awarded the bid. They anticipate having the fence installed prior to

resurfacing of the tennis courts. Weather permitting this work will begin in June, and finish by the end of July, stated Mr. Harter.

Public Comment

Ruth Koon, from the Friends of the Piqua Parks came forward expressing the group's support of the resurfacing of the tennis courts and installing new fencing around the tennis court at Pitsenbarger Park.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-77-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-77-16 adopted

RES. NO. R-78-16

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Western Ohio Fence & Supply for the new fencing around the Pitsenbarger Tennis Courts for the Public Works Department

Doug Harter, Public Works Director, provided the Staff Report.

The fencing around the public tennis courts at Pitsenbarger Park is need of replacement. Bids were received and opened on May 5, 2016 and Western Ohio Fence & Supply was awarded the bid. They anticipate having the fence installed prior to resurfacing the tennis courts. Weather permitting this work will begin in June, and finish by the end of July, stated Mr. Harter

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-78-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-78-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-78-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-79-16

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement to permit the usage of Fountain Park by the Miami Valley Corvette Club

Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director provided the Staff Report.

The Miami Valley Corvette Club would like to host a car show at Fountain Park on June 11, 2016. The event will open to the public and the display area will primarily occupy a shaded grassy area between the dining hall and Hance Pavilion. The event will be the same as last year except there will not be any musical entertainment this year, stated Mr. Sommer.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-79-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-79-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-79-16 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Boehringer came forward and voiced his opinion on possibly having a bicycle link program in the downtown area for citizens and out of town guests to rent bicycles to ride on the bike path.

Al Fledderman, Harney Drive came forward and inquired about the lack of swings in the public parks. City Manager Huff provided information regarding the lack of swings in the city parks.

Bill Jaqua, N. Sunset Drive, came forward and provided a picture of his Garden Area on Commerce Drive that is used for weddings and many other public events.

Mr. Jaqua inquired as to the reason a Piqua Police car was parked in front of the driveway recently when they were having a wedding in the Garden Area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the next City Commission Work Session will take place on Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 P.M.

City Manager Huff stated the City Commissioner's will tour the new Piqua Water Plant on June 16, 2016, at 9:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Martin asked where the 4th of July Fireworks will be set off at this year?

City Manager Huff stated the fireworks display will be located at the Armco property by the baseball diamond in Shawnee.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens that Pack the Path will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Lock 9 Park at 9:00 A.M., and asked citizens to bring a canned good to donate.

Mayor Hinds encouraged citizens to attend of the Car Show, and the Rock Piqua Concert on Saturday, June 18th in downtown Piqua.

Monday, June 13th is the second Walk with the Mayor, and will be held in the Second Ward with Commissioner Vogt. Mayor Hinds reminded citizens to meet at the Candlewood entrance. This is a good way to find out what the needs are in the neighborhood, stated Mayor Hinds.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens to take a minute to continue to read her Blog, as it has a lot of information regarding the many things happening in City of Piqua.

Mayor Hinds congratulated all of the 2016 High School Graduates.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:25 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____

REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION