

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Lange, St. Rt. 66, came forward and provided information regarding the 13th Annual River Sweep Cleanup that took place on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Mr. Lange thanked all of the volunteers, sponsors, and the City of Piqua Departments for their help in making the River Sweep a success. Mr. Lange congratulated Commissioner Wilson, City Planner Chris Schmiesing, and Police Chief Bruce Jamison for providing their support in helping.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the July 5, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ord. No. 11-16 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance to levy special assessments to pay for the cost of nuisance abatement assessment

Amy Welker, Health & Sanitation Director, provided the Staff Report.

The city abates nuisance conditions such as mowing high grass, removing trash, trimming trees, and demolishing structures according to city code. The assessment takes place after the property owner has been notified of the condition and is given a timeframe to comply with the code. Failure to comply results in abatement, stated Ms. Welker.

The cost of the abatement plus an administration fee is charged to the property owner, and the property owners are subject to repeat offender charges for multiple violations in a one year period. If the property owner fails to pay the abatement costs then the costs are certified to the County Auditor to be placed on their property taxes.

The Miami County Auditor only accepts these assessments one time per year, and the assessments are due to the Auditor by September 12, 2016, stated Ms. Welker.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No.11 -16.

After a brief discussion Ordinance No.11-16 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. 91-16)

A Resolution of authorization to submit an application for Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement

Devon Alexander, Storm Water Coordinator, provided the Staff Report.

This Resolution will allow the City Manager to file an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for funding in the amount of \$200,000 for Shawnee Storm Water Diversion Sewer Project. The project will consist of installing 450 LF of Storm Water pip starting at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Second Street and run west to the Great Miami River. The project has been designed and is scheduled to start construction in the summer of 2017. The OPWC funding will be in the form of a 0% interest loan for 30 years, stated Mr. Alexander.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-91-16.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-91-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Mayor Wilson then declared Resolution No. R-89-16 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated Piqua's 4th Fest was a success. We learned a lot from this first year, and will continue to make improvements for next year. City Manager Huff personally thanked the 4th Fest Planning Committee, the volunteers, city employees, sponsors, entertainers, vendors, for being part of Piqua's First 4th Fest. We estimate the crowd to have been between 10,000 and 15,000 in the downtown area for the concert and fireworks. We are off to a good start, and will continue to grow and improve each year, stated City Manager Huff.

WOTVC Piqua Channel 5 will be sponsoring a Meadow Muffin Contest as a fundraiser for the station in September. City Manager encouraged citizens to purchase a "Deed" for a plot of land and a chance to win \$1000, with only 500 tickets being sold. City Manager Huff provided a brief explanation on what the "Meadow Muffin Contest" entails. The contest judges will be Mayor Hinds, Jim Oda, and Jennifer Welker.

City Manager Huff stated at the last Commission Meeting a resident complained about the number of times the Police Department that have been called to a certain residence. After reviewing the data we agreed to many calls have been made. Therefore, the city has instituted an internal process to identify those particular situations and immediately deal with the issues. We feel that we can correct the problem in these cases, and appreciate the citizen coming forward and letting us know, stated City Manager Huff.

City Manager Huff provided additional information regarding the property owner, and issues at the property.

Commissioner Wilson encouraged citizens to keep an eye out in case the criminal activity moves to another part of the city. The public should contact the city about other potential residences that appear to be a place of frequent criminal activity, said Commissioner Wilson.

City Manager Huff stated cases like this are not just about neighbors not liking neighbors.

Commissioner Martin inquired about the possibility of the 4th Fest being located moved to one location. City Manager Huff provided information on some of the reasons for keeping part of the days events at Fountain Park.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Mayor Hinds congratulated the POW group for all of their efforts on keeping our waterways clean.

Jim Oda has tied Blue Ribbons around their columns at the Piqua Library, and are handing out Blue Ribbons for anyone wishing to display in support of our Police Officers.

Mayor Hinds is encouraging citizens to show their support in a Sea of Blue.

Mayor Hinds announced the next Walk with the Mayor will be on July 30 in Ward 3. They will be meeting behind ReadMore Hallmark in the Parking Lot and the walk will be from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. City Manager Huff and Police Chief Jamieson will be joining the Mayor in the walk. Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:59 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Vogt, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION