

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, August 16, 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, N. St. Rt. 66 came forward and provided information regarding the number of pedestrians and bicyclists in a month that use the Piqua Bike Path.

**PROCLAMATION:**

In honor of former Mayor/Commissioner & City Employee – Mr. James Henderson

Mayor Hinds read and presented the Proclamation to the family of James Henderson.

Commissioner Vogt also said a few words regarding Mr. Henderson.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Silver Pedal Challenge – Mr. Jim Hemmert/Mayor Kazy Hinds

Jim Hemmert President of Bike Piqua presented the Silver Pedal Awards to the winners;

Small Business Winner (127 Miles)	Artie Parker
Large Business Winner (430 Miles)	Hartzell Propeller
Piqua Catholic School Winner (1100 Miles)	Georgia Herinstein

Mr. Hemmert thanked all of the businesses that have provided bicycle racks for their customers.

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting of August 2, 2016

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD. NO. 11-16 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

This is the third and final reading on Ordinance No. 11-16.

The city abates nuisance conditions such as mowing high grass, removing trash, trimming trees, and demolishing structures according to city code. Assessment takes place after the property owner has been notified and given time to comply with the code.

Ms. Welker stated there have been several residents who have paid their assessments, and there is an updated list in the Commissioners agenda packets.

**Public Comment**

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

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Ordinance No. 11-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye, Terry, Martin, Vogt, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Ordinance No. 11-16 adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. 95-16**

A Resolution of support for the development of State and US Bicycle Routes

City Planner, Chris Schmiesing provided the Staff Report.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) desires to design a series of corridors crossing Ohio to be developed as various U.S. and State Bicycle Route, including USBR 25 and SBR 36. ODOT will provide and install the initial signage necessary to designate the routes and the local jurisdictions will assume all responsibility for the maintenance of the signage following the initial installation. ODOT is requesting approval and support from the local jurisdictions through which the routes will traverse, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

Commissioner Martin asked if the streets and road will be marked in Piqua. Mr. Schmiesing stated not in Piqua, and explained the reason.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-95-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Terry, Wilson, Hinds, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-95-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-96-16**

A Resolution to approve the form and authorize the execution of a Power Sales Contract with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking other actions in connection therewith regarding participation in the AMP Solar Power Project II

Ed Krieger, Power System Director provided the Staff Report.

In 2007 Piqua a decision was made to move to a power supply portfolio composed of diversified resources to mitigate exposure to volatile market prices and provide Piqua customer's with long-term price stability. 79% of Piqua's power supply now comes in the form of long-term resources, with renewable resources representing 19% of Piqua's supply. The remaining needs are currently supplied from the short-term energy market, stated Mr. Krieger. Mr. Krieger presented a power point presentation to the Commission.

The Piqua Energy Board unanimously recommended the Piqua City Commission authorize participation in the AMP Solar Project II at their June 28, 2016 meeting, During the Piqua City Commission Work Session on July 14, 2016 the City Commission recommended moving forward with the participation in the AMP Solar Project to the Piqua City Commission for approval in August of 2016.

Commissioners asked several questions concerning the Power Sales Contract, and the AMP Solar Contract. Mr. Krieger explained. Law Director Stacy Wall also provided additional information regarding the contract.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-96-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-96-

16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Hinds, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-96-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R 97-16**

A Resolution establishing "Trick or Treat/Beggar's Night" in the City of Piqua

City Manager Huff, provided the Staff Report.

The annual celebration of Halloween has become a tradition in Piqua. Monday October 31, 2016 has been designated as "Trick or Treat/Beggar's Night" and this date was established by the Miami County Council for all of Miami County, and recommends all communities adopt this date.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-97-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-97-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Hinds, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Martin. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-97-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-98-16**

A Resolution requesting authorization to amend the bidding phase of the contract with Strand Associates, Inc. for additional expenses incurred during that phase of the New Central Zone Water Tower project

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

The City of Piqua contracted with Strand Associates, Inc. in June of 2013 to engineer and design a new water tower for the City of Piqua Central Zone. Along with the tower a main extension was needed to connect the tower to the existing water distribution system. City Commission passed Resolution No. R-47-16 to enter into the bidding phase of the contract with Strand for an amount not to exceed \$27,000. During this phase of the project it was found that the City needed Strand to do more work on the Capability Assurance Plan. This Plan is needed for the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) that will fund the project. Because of these additional services, this portion of the contract needs to be increased by an amount of \$13,000, bringing the total to \$40,000, stated Mr. Jennings.

City Manager Huff provided additional information on the expertise of Strand Associates.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-98-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-98-16 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Terry, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-98-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-99-16**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and enter into an Ohio Water Supply Revolving Loan Account Agreement on behalf of the City of Piqua for construction of the Central Zone Tower Project including the Drake Road water line extension and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan

Cynthia Holtzaple, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director provided the Staff Report.

The \$4.44 M Central Zone Tower Project includes the Drake Road Waterline Extension (\$726,000), 1MG Composite Water Tower and demolition of the two small downtown existing towers (\$3,300,000), Strand and Associates, Inc. construction administration (\$260,000) Design

(\$94,000), application fee and capitalized interest (\$60,000). This legislation is needed to apply for a WSRLF Loan of \$3,365,000 and if approved enter into an agreement for the loan. The City has also been awarded a \$1.075 million OOWC Grant that will also help fund the project, stated Ms. Holtzaple.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-99-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-99-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Hinds, Martin, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-99-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-100-16**

A Resolution for preliminary consent to award a contract to Chicago Bridge and Iron Company (CB&I) for the new Central Water Tower project

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

The New Central Water Tower Project will allow for the construction of a new one million gallon Water tower to be located at 316 Fox Drive. The new tower will be a composite tower with a concrete base and steel bowl. This project also includes the demolition of the water towers on Spring and South Main Streets. The city is currently in the process of making application for a loan from the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). Before the loan can be approved, a resolution of intent to award the contract is required. Once the loan is approved, a new resolution will be brought before the City Commission to approve the awarding of the contract to CB&I, stated Mr. Jennings.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-100-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-100-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Hinds, Terry, Wilson and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-100-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-101-16**

A Resolution for preliminary consent to award a contract to GM Pipeline, Inc. for the Drake Road Water Main Extension as part of the New Central Water Tower Project

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

The Drake Road Water Main Extension as part of the New Central Water Tower Project will allow for the installation of a 12" water main along Drake Rd. and through an easement on the property of Paul Sherry. This main will tie the new water tower into the current distribution system. GM Pipeline, Inc. was the low bidder, and we are currently in the process of making application for a loan from Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). A resolution of intent to award a contract is required, once the loan is approved, a new resolution will be brought before the City Commission to approve the awarding of a contract to GM Pipeline, Inc.

Several questions were raised by the Commissioners and Mr. Jennings answered all questions.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-101-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-101-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Hinds, Terry, and Wilson. Nay: None.

Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-101-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-102-16**

A Resolution for preliminary consent to award to Strand Associates, Inc. for the Contract Administration and Resident Project Representation for the Drake Road Water Main Extension as part of the new Central Water Tower Project

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

In June of 2013 Strand Associates, Inc. was contracted by the City of Piqua to engineer and design a new water tower for the City of Piqua Central Zone. Along with the tower, a water main extension was needed to connect the tower to the existing water distribution system. In July of 2016 the plans for the new tower and water main project were finalized and approved by the Ohio EPA. On July 11, 2016 bids were opened for the construction of the Drake Road Water Main Extension. This resolution will allow Strand Associates, Inc. to oversee all aspects of the construction of the water man extension and ensure that it follows the plans as designed, stated Mr. Jennings. Once the loan is approved, a new resolution will be brought before the City Commission to approve the awarding of a contract to Strand Associates, Inc.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-102-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-102-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Hinds, Martin, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None.

Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-102-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-103-16**

A Resolution for preliminary consent to award a Contract to Strand Associates, Inc. for the Contract Administration and Resident Project Representation for the New Central Water Tower Project

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

In June of 2013 Strand Associates, Inc. was contracted by the City of Piqua to engineer and design a new water tower for the City of Piqua Central Zone. Along with the tower, a water main extension was needed to connect the tower to the existing water distribution system. In July of 2016 the plans for the new tower and water main project were finalized and approved by the Ohio EPA. This resolution will allow Strand Associate, Inc. to oversee all aspects of the construction of the new tower and ensure that it follows the plans as designed.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-103-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-103-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None.

Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-103-16 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-104-16**

A Resolution authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Pros Consulting Inc. for a Comprehensive Parks Master Plan

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The City of Piqua currently lacks a Parks Master Plan to guide the installation and maintenance of capital improvements and the delivery of programming and service essential to providing recreational amenities and opportunities that meet or exceed community desires. Five proposals

were received and reviewed and a preferred consultant was identified and recommended by the selection committee. Funds for the securement of the professional services necessary to complete the Parks Master Plan are included in the 2016 Parks budget, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

City Manager Huff provided additional information stating the City of Piqua has never had Parks Master Plan.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the uses of the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Schmiesing answered all questions.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-104-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-104-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Hinds, Terry, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-104-16 adopted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ronald Emrick, Broadway, came forward and voiced his concern about a part of Broadway that is a one way street, and asked if signage could be put at the end of Buckeye Street so traffic would know it is one way heading north, not south. Mr. Emrick also voiced his concern about the grass not being mowed on the empty lot next to his home. City Manager Huff stated he would look into it.

Philip Mong, Amesbury Ct, came forward and voiced his opinion on painting the Railroad Bridge on Ash Street, further stating he feels it is a waste of money.

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

City Manager Huff asked Power Systems Director Ed Krieger to provide information regarding residential electric usage over the past few months due to the heat. Mr. Krieger provided as power point presentation on the usage.

City Manager Huff congratulated the Piqua Police Department as they were recently awarded certification for meeting state standards established by the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board as part of the state's efforts to strengthen community and police relations.

City Manager Huff stated they received notification of the award of the Ohio Aviation Grant in the amount of \$273,600 for the installation of the precision approach path indicator system located at the Piqua Municipal Airport.

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENT**

Commissioner Vogt stated citizens should use a heavy duty electrical extension cord when plugging in their air conditioners and fans as it uses less electricity and is safer. Commissioner also reminded citizens to check their breakers.

Mayor Hinds stated she attended the Down the River Down a Beer festivities recently. Also the Great Miami River has been recognized as a National Water Trail, the first in the State of Ohio.

Mayor Hinds reminded school will be starting soon, and to watch for children crossing the streets and walking to school.

Mayor Hinds stated the Miami County Fair is in full swing, and encourage citizens to get out and enjoy the various activities going on at the fair.

Mayor Hinds further stated Saturday August 20, is opening day for Soccer at Pitsenbarger Sports Complex along with the Optimist Tri-Star Soccer Tournament.

Mayor Hinds announced the City recently had two new business ribbon cuttings, Turntable Café and Pet Value, and welcomed them to the City of Piqua.

Mayor Hinds stated Piqua Compassion Network held their annual picnic recently, this was open to the entire community with many churches being involved. It was a wonderful celebration of unity in the Community.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens the next Walk with the Mayor will take place in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward on Wednesday, August 31 beginning at 6:00 P.M. and meeting in the parking lot at the Piqua Intermediate School on Park Avenue. The walk will take place from 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 8:45 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

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

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