

**MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 6, 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

No one came forward to speak at this time.

REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the November 15, 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, Terry, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 14-16 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance to make appropriations for the City of Piqua, Ohio for the year 2017

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

The City is required to present and pass the 2017 Annual Budget by the end of the year. This is the second of three readings of Ordinance 14-16. The Commission reviewed the Department Budgets at the Budget Review Meeting on November 16, 2016.

Ordinance No. 14-16 was given a second reading.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 15-16 (1ST Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Elaine Barton, Human Resource Director provided the Staff Report.

Schedule A cover the salaries of the full-time non-union employees. There are 6 steps in each classification. Each step has been increased by 2%. This is the same increase approved by the City Commission in the Police (FOP and OPBA) contract, stated Ms. Barton.

Ordinance No. 15-16 was given a first reading.

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

An Ordinance repealing Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code and adopting a new Schedule A-1 of Chapter 33 of the Piqua Code, relating to wages of certain Municipal Employees

Elaine Barton, Human Resource Director provided the Staff Report.

Schedule A-1 covers part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees. The wages for these Employees will be adjusted by 2% as that afforded to other city employees, stated Ms. Barton.

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

ORD. NO. 17-16 (1ST Reading)

An Ordinance repealing Chapter 33.08 and enacting a New Chapter 33.08 of the Piqua Code, relating to employee insurance

Elaine Barton, Human Resource Director provided the Staff Report.

This Ordinance updates Chapter 33.08 of the Piqua Code to set the new benefit year for employee health insurance to 2017, and includes an additional category for employees to participate to receive wellness credits. Everything else will remain the same, stated Ms. Barton.

Ordinance No. 17-16 was given a first reading.

RES. NO. 128-16

A Resolution supporting the Fiscal Year 2017 United State Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Cleanup Grant Program Application

Development Program Director Nikki Reese provided the Staff Report.

Ms. Reese stated the City of Piqua is requesting \$200,000 FY 2017 US EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant to fund the asbestos abatement at the former Mo's Lounge property that is owned by the City of Piqua and located at 111 South Main Street. A Phase II Environment Assessment was completed using US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funds in November, 2015. The assessment identified \$268,700 worth of asbestos that needs to be abated before a potential developer can occupy the building. Once the asbestos has been abated the building will be a more favorable property for a potential developer to purchase, stated Ms. Reese. The property has been vacant for over ten years.

The US EPA Brownfields Clean Grant Application is due by December 22, 2016 and the City will be notified within 15 calendar days if they passed or failed the US EPA Threshold Eligibility Review. The City will be notified in the Spring of 2017 if the application will be funded or not, stated Ms. Reese.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution R-128-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-129-16 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Hinds, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-128-16 adopted.

RES. NO. R-129-16

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement on behalf of the City of Piqua for construction, engineering administration, material testing and quality assurance of Wastewater facilities expansion and upgrading; and designing a dedicated repayment source for the loan

Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Chris Melvin provided the Staff Report.

The recently completed Wastewater Expansion and Upgrade Engineering design has been submitted to the Ohio EPA for Permit to Install (PTI) in late October. This loan application will be submitted in January 2017 as required by the approved schedule. Funds needed are based on 90% design and probable opinion and has included contingency at an estimated 46 million, stated Mr. Melvin.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-129-16 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-129-16 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Hinds, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds then declared Resolution No. R-129-16 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Huff stated the City of Piqua is working closely with the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce Veterans Committee on their Veteran Memorial Patriotic Banner Program. Applications are available for anyone wanting to purchase a banner at the Chamber of Commerce Office, Forest Hill Cemetery Office, and the City Manager's Office.

The Governor ordered the American Flags be flown at half-staff on Wednesday, December 7th, in Honor of Pearl Harbor, and all those who lost their lives serving our country.

City Manager Huff extended kudo's to the citizens and companies who have donated property or are in the process of donating land to the city for certain projects. They include: Paul Sherry for the property on Fox Drive for the New Water Tower, Piqua Materials for the Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Plant, Piqua School District donating some properties for the Riverfront and other projects. The City of Piqua appreciates all the donations and support they receive.

City Manager Huff introduced Howard Philipps, the new Assistant Wastewater Plant Superintendent. Mr. Philipps was currently working at the Wastewater Plant but started out as a meter reader in the Utilities Department.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Vogt, encouraged citizens to also purchase bricks for their family members at the Veterans Memorial for \$50 each.

Commissioner Vogt stated he also attended Christmas on the Green and The Christmas Parade and both were well attended. Commissioner Vogt thanked Lorna Swisher, Executive Director Mainstreet Piqua, as she works so very hard, and does such a great job for the City of Piqua and Mainstreet Piqua. We can't thank her enough!!

Commissioner Wilson stated there was a lot of Christmas going on in the City of Piqua this past weekend, with Christmas on the Green, the Christmas Parade, and the Christmas Cabaret. Commissioner Wilson further stated if that didn't get you in the Christmas Spirit, take a drive out on Broadway and see the light display.

Commissioner Terry stated she also attend all of the Christmas festivities including a performance at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, which the Civic Band presented a concert.

Mayor Hinds stated also the Piqua Arts Council held a Christmas Concert on Sunday.

Mayor Hinds stated the City of Piqua is very lucky to have Lorna Swisher. Lorna works so very hard for the us, and we can't thank her enough for all she does.

Mayor Hinds also thanked the Piqua High School Show Choir for performing at the Christmas on the Green. They also have been traveling around the community singing and bringing song to many places.

Mayor Hinds thanked the Public Works Department, they do a lot of behind the scenes work to make things happen, along with the Police Department. The Public Works Department built and provided a new "Parklet", and was out for Christmas on the Green. If you did not get a chance to see it they will have it out for the next downtown event so make sure to check it out.

Mayor Hinds also thanked Piqua Central Intermediate School for their "Gifts of Kindness" Program, they had a float in the Christmas parade and handed out candy canes with "Gifts of Kindness" Notes attached. It is so wonderful to see these young students provide this little bit of kindness.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:55 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Vogt, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION