

**MINUTES  
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 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, Hinds, Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin, Washington Township Trustees Hiegel, Mc Maken, and Hartley. Absent: None.

**JOINT MEETING WITH WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2016 Joint Meeting of the Washington Township Trustees and Piqua City Commission

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the minutes of the January 5, 2016 Joint Meeting of the Washington Township Trustees and the Piqua City Commission be approved. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Wilson, Vogt, Terry, Hartley, McMaken, and Hiegel. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R-1-17**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Board of Trustees of Forest Hill Union Cemetery

City Manager Huff stated this resolution reappoints Jim Hiegel to the Board of Trustees of the Forest Hill Union Cemetery for a three year term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that the Consent Agenda be Approved. Voice vote, Trustee Hiegel, Trustee Hartley, Trustee McMaken, Commissioner Terry, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Vogt, Commissioner Martin, and Mayor Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Trustee Hiegel, to adjourn from the Joint Meeting with the Washington Township Trustees and the Piqua City Commission at 7:34 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Hiegel, Hartley, McMaken, Martin, Terry, Hinds, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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## **REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **RES. NO. R-2-17**

A Resolution of Appreciation for the public service of David A. Davis as a City Employee

Mayor Hinds read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Davis, stating we appreciate the 32 years of dedicated service Mr. Davis has given to the City of Piqua, and the community.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-2-15 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Fess. Nay, None. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Davis accepted the Resolution of appreciation, and thanked the City, the Commission, and his wife for putting up with him for over 32 years.

City Manager Huff stated " we didn't just put up with him. He did a fantastic job."

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the December 20, 2016 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **ORD. No. 19-16 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Sections 53.01 and 53.07 of the Piqua Code, relating to water rates and new service

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

The water rates will increase by 10 percent for each new year beginning with 2017 and ending in 2020. The average monthly water rate for residential homes with 4 people will increase from \$61.88 to \$68.07, for a small commercial business it will increase from \$137.15 to \$147.09, and for an industrial business the increase will be from \$2041.63 to \$2245.16, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Commissioners asked if it would jeopardize the city's loan for the new Water Treatment Plant if the city just raised the rates for the next two years, re-evaluating it if was still necessary to raise the rates for the subsequent years. Ms. Holtzapple stated she would not advise doing so and explained. Are there any programs for senior citizens and others living on fixed incomes that would help them pay for their utilities, and is there an age limit to receive help. Ms. Holtzapple stated they should contact the utilities office for information. It was noted if possible flyers could be put in the utility bills on how to receive help with their bills.

#### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 19-16 at this time.

Ordinance No. 19-16 was given a second reading.

#### **ORD. NO. 20-16 (2<sup>ND</sup> Reading)**

An Ordinance amending Sections 51.46 and 51.81 of the Piqua Code, relating to Wastewater rates and new service

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

The previous combined cost for the total base charge of \$9.66 for the first 1000 gallons per month will increase to \$16.67 in October of 2017 and to \$20.00 in 2018. After the first 1000 gallons, the volume charger per 100 gallons will increase from the combined cost of \$3.05 to \$5.27 in October of 2017 and \$6.32 in 2018. We are in the same situation that many other communities are in, stated Ms. Holtzaple.

Commissioners voiced their concerns over the increase, some of the residents are living on Social Security and are only receiving a 3 percent increase, and asked about possibly raising the rates for half the amount over double the years. Ms. Holtzaple explained.

### **Public Comment**

Chuck Starrett, Demming Road, came forward and voiced his concerns over raising the water and wastewater rates at this time. Mr. Starrett stated what I see happening is more shut-offs, further adding I know it is a tough decision.

Commissioner Vogt stated he remembers sometime back in 1979 or 1980 the sitting Commission had a choice to expand the wastewater plant that would have prevented the types of issues the city is currently facing.

Ordinance No. 20-17 was given a second reading

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RES. NO. R- 3-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Purchasing Analyst to advertise for bids to make certain purchases during the year 2017

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

Ms. Holtzaple stated the City is required to advertise for bids for any capital or operational purchase the City makes that are over \$25,000 in a newspaper of local circulation. The Piqua Daily Call is used for this purpose. This is requested at the first Commission meeting each year, and this is the formal request to fulfill this commitment.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-3-17

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-3-17 be adopted. Roll call, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Hinds, Martin, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-3-17 adopted.

#### **RES. NO. R-4-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the River Corridor Improvement Subdistrict of the Miami Conservancy District to participate in the Great Miami Riverway Coalition

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

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The Great Miami Riverway Coalition is the evolution of the Ohio's Great Corridor Association. The City's involvement with this group aids with the promotion of the river corridor as a regional economic, tourism and quality of life asset. This resolution will authorize the City of Piqua to enter into an agreement to participate in the Great Miami Riverway Coalition. The agreement includes a funding commitment that is also being authorized by this resolution not to exceed \$14,500, stated

Mr. Schmiesing.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-4-17.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-4-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-4-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-5-17**

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Zoning Map to Change the zoning designation of 608 Weber Street to B (General Business)

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The applicant has petitioned to change the zoning of 608 Weber Street to more accurately reflect the planned continued use of the property as a carryout/drive thru. A Review of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code has determined the request is appropriate and consistent with the adopted community land use policy and plan. The Planning Commission has conducted a Public Hearing, and recommended the zoning of this location be changed to B General Business, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-5-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-5-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-5-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-6-17**

A Resolution approving the purchase of Parcel No. N44-008040

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

The City is purchasing the property located at 110 S. Downing Street for purchase price of \$139,000 which includes the land and buildings. The property does not include the fixtures in the building or on the land that are related to the car wash business. The property is a 0.630 acre area of land and the City would like to acquire the property to assemble the tract with the adjoining land to facilitate the redevelopment of the land and buildings in its need for fire and ems services, stated City Manager Huff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-6-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-6-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Hinds, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-6-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-7-17**

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with 292 Design Group for the Community Center Campus Feasibility Plan

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

Resolution No. R-7-17 is a request to amend the contract to compensate the consultant, 292

Design Group, for additional services requested as part of completing the desired scope of work. The original scope called for four trips to the community to conduct activities essential to the completion of the work. As the project progressed it became evident that a fifth visit would be necessary to properly complete the work being requested, stated Mr. Schmiesing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-7-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-7-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Hinds, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-6-17 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thomas Beck, came forward and stated the average median income in the City of Piqua is approximately \$38,000, with many citizens living below that. Mr. Beck voiced his concern over city procedures, further stating he wished more citizens would show up at the Commission meetings. Mr. Beck thanked the Commission for all of their hard work.

Roy Howard, came forward and voiced his concern over the utility office shutting off the electric, but leaving the water turned on for seven days before shutting if off. This is resulting in pipes breaking and causing damage to homes. City Manager Huff stated he would look into it.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff stated he did not have anything to report at this time.

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Wilson asked if the City was still picking up leaves? City Manager Huff stated they are as needed.

Commissioner Terry voiced her concern over residents putting their trash out to the curb the day after their regular refuse is picked up, and asked if there was a fine for doing so. Commissioner Terry asked if it would be possible to send something out with the utility bills reminding residents to not set their refuse out more than one day before pickup.

Mayor Hinds wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:20 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

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

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