

Nay: None.
MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 21, 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 Terry, Wilson, Vogt, and Martin. Absent: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2017 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

Res. No. 23-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board
Ann DeBrosse Comer was reappointed to the Downtown District Design Review Board.

Res. No. 24-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board
Brenda Vetter was reappointed to the Downtown District Design Review Board.

Res. No. 25-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Downtown District Design Review Board
Michael Sloan was reappointed to the Downtown District Design Review Board.

Res. No. 26-17

A Resolution reappointing one member to the Energy Board
Greg Blankenship was reappointed to the Energy Board.

Res. No. 27-17

A Resolution reappointing one member to the Energy Board
Roger Hartley was reappointed to the Energy Board.

Res. No. 28-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Civil Service Commission
Mike Gutmann was reappointed to the Civil Service Commission.

Res. No. 29-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Civil Service Commission
Alissa Blankenship was reappointed to the Civil Service Commission.

Res. No. 30-17

A Resolution appointing a member to the Civil Service Commission
Richard C. Feightner was appointed to the Civil Service Commission

Res. No. 31-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Tree Committee
Diane Hart was reappointed to the Tree Committee.

Res. No. 32-17

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Miami County Community Action Board
Nikki Reese was reappointed to the Miami County Community Action Board.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ord. No. 1-17 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Public Right-of- Way

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

A petition requesting the vacation of a portion of platted right of way known as an alley located north of South Street and west of College Street, has been submitted for consideration. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing, Jim Hiegel, Washington Township Trustee came forward at the Planning Commission meeting stating the Trustees had no problem with the vacation of the alley. The Planning Commission recommended approving the request to vacate the portion of public right of way at this time.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance 1-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Ordinance No. 1-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Ordinance No. 1-17 adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 2-17

An Ordinance amending Sections 94.01 and 94.02 of the Piqua Code, relating to Green Fees and Full-Session Membership for the Municipal Golf Course

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

This ordinance will allow the City to implement a modest fee increase at the Echo Hills Golf Course. The green fees and full season membership rates have not been changes since 2008. This update will not affect "special" pricing that can be changed by the City Manager as needed (i.e. outings, limited membership, etc.), stated Ms. Holtzapple.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 2-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to waive the three reading rule requiring the Ordinance to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Ordinance No. 2-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Wilson, Martin, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Ordinance No. 2-17 adopted.

ORD. NO. 3-17

An Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 33.02 and enacting a new Chapter 33.02 of the Piqua Code, relating to employment conditions and repealing existing Chapter 33.08 and enacting a new Chapter 33.08 of the Piqua Code, relating to Employee Insurance

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

Currently exempt employees are able to earn hour for hour compensatory time after working 45 hours in a work week. The change to Chapter 33.02 will allow exempt employees to earn hour for hour of compensatory time after 40 hours in a work week but will still be capped at 240 hours, which is non-compensable but allows time off only, The AFSCME Blue Collar and Clerical contracts included an increase in City paid life insurance from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The change in Chapter 33.08 will give the remainder of the employees (17) not already at \$75,000 or above the same benefit.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Ordinance No. 3-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to waive the three reading rule requiring the Ordinance to be read fully and distinctly on three separate days be suspended Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RES. NO. R- 33-17

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of 401 E. Ash Street, and adjacent land, Parcels No, N44-250185, N44-250190, N44-250070, N44-250188

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

The subject property is identified by the Historic East Piqua Community Center Campus Plan as the key parcel in regards to the redevelopment envisioned for the area. To effectively engage development interest in the project anticipated it is essential that a development entity, control the property. GPN, PIC, and other agencies and members of the community have expressed support for moving forward with this acquisition to advance the redevelopment goal for this property Negotiations with the property have produced agreement conditions acceptable to both parties and resulted in a purchase agreement.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-33-17

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-33-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-33-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-34-17

A Resolution authorizing the sale of City owned real estate

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

The petitioner desires to acquire a portion of property owned by the City of Piqua commonly known as Roosevelt Fieldhouse, 401 E. Ash Street, Piqua, Miami County, Ohio and adjacent property. The property is critical to redevelopment of the Miami and Erie Canal Corridor. The buyer desires to assume control of the property to facilitate future economic development.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-34-17.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-34-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Hinds, Wilson, Vogt, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-34-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-35-17

A Resolution authorizing the sale of City owned real estate

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

The petitioner desire to acquire as portion of property pending sale to the City of Piqua known as Parcel #N44-250043. The property us currently vacant and is critical to redevelopment of the Historic East Piqua Community Center Campus Plan. The buyer desired to assume control of the property to facilitate future development. The site is ideal for senior housing.

Josh Hughes of Miller Valentine Group came forward and provided additional information on the purchase and use of the properties.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding parking, number of housing units, rental or ownership, utilities included, when completed, further stating there is a need for this type of housing. All questions were answered by Mr. Hughes.

Wes Young, St. Mary's Development Group, provided background and additional information on the senior housing project and what the plans are for the amenities.

A handout was provided of a rendition of the building design and a map of the location area.

City Manager Huff stated it is very important to be located close to the YMCA, and will be a nice living experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-35-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-35-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Vogt, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-35-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-36-17

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept property

Chris Melvin, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Melvin stated he wanted to thank Law Director Stacy Wall for all of her help and expertise and help on getting this accomplished, and also Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director for his help in getting the process rolling.

The City has been working with Piqua Materials (the Quarry) most of 2016 in order to come to terms with an agreement or possibly a land donation. The donated 8.7 acres of land is directly to the east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is where the liquid treatment systems will be constructed, stated Mr. Melvin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 36-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-36-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Hinds, Vogt, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion

carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-36-17 adopted.

RES. NO. 37-17

A Resolution to pay Piqua Materials, Inc. for the removal of lime on donated property for the Wastewater Plant

Chris Melvin, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

There was 40,000 tons of lime on the property; a condition of the property was for their lime to be removed. The use of their large mining equipment is due to the least amount of hauling and travel distance, while maximizing largest loads and was a lot cheaper per ton, stated Mr. Melvin. The donated 8.7 acres of land is directly to the east of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City Manager Huff provided additional information regarding the removal of the lime.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-37-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-21-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-21-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-38-17

A Resolution requesting authorization for the purchase of automated algae testing equipment

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

The Water Department is required to do algae testing weekly between the months of May and October and every other week in November through April. The current testing method is very intricate and requires approximately 5-6 hours of an operator's time. Abraxis Inc, has developed an automated machine that cuts the required manpower time for testing by 75%. The automated machine also makes the process much simpler which helps alleviate the possibility of lab accidents and testing errors. The Ohio EPA highly recommends this particular machine, stated Mr. Jennings.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the machine and the uses. All questions were answered by Mr. Jennings.

City Manager Huff provided additional information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-38-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-38-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-38-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-39-17

A Resolution requesting authorization for the purchase of a new pump for the Ziegler Road Booster Pump Station

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

One of the booster pumps at the Ziegler Road Booster Pump Station has failed and is in need of replacement, this is an original pump (1976) and is beyond repair. These pumps supply water to the west side of Piqua and keep the RM Davis Water Tower full. The pump station has a total of three pumps but they are all original, thus the need to get this pump replaced as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-39-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-39-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-39-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-40-17

A Resolution requesting authorization to the installation of a new pump for the Ziegler Road Booster Pump Station

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

One of the booster pumps at the Ziegler Road Booster Pump Station has failed and is in need of replacement, this is an original pump (1976) and is beyond repair. These pumps supply water to the west side of Piqua and keep the RM Davis Water Tower full. The pump station has a total of three pumps but they are all original. Because of the emergency situation of getting this pump replaced quickly, two local companies were contacted that we knew could perform this type of work. Regal Plumbing and Heating Company was the best price, and have used them in the past and feel comfortable they can perform the job, stated Mr. Jennings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-40-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-40-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-40-17 adopted.

RES. NO. 41-17

A Resolution strongly opposing the State of Ohio Governor's proposed 2018-2019 Budget, which opposes centralized collection of net profit tax returns and other disastrous provisions, as detrimental to local governments and which will result in further significant loss of revenue needed to support the health, safety, welfare, and economic development efforts of Ohio's communities, and declaring an emergency

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

This budget proposal is a continuation of the reduction of local government revenues in the past few years, including the elimination of estate taxes, repeal of the Tangible Personal Property Tax, severe decreases in Local Government Fund allocations, and most recently the passage of HB5 on December 19, 2014, the impact of all of which is estimated to cost the City of Piqua over \$1.0 million in income tax revenues annually. The municipal income tax is the single largest fund revenue source for the City of Piqua which provides essential municipal services, promoting a positive quality of life that residents and businesses rely on, and any forced reduction in this revenue will have a negative impact on the residents and businesses, creating an environment detrimental to retaining and attracting business in Ohio, stated Ms. Holtzapple.

City Manager Huff provided additional information on the reason for opposing the legislation.

Mayor Hinds stated she has spoken with other Mayors in surrounding communities and they are all in agreement for opposing the legislation.

Commissioner Terry and Commissioner Vogt, both voiced their concern over the legislation and the issues that will arise if this is passed.

RES. NO. R-42-17

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to John Deere Company for the purchase of lawn mowers for the Public Works Department-Streets and Parks

Brian Brookhart, Public Works Superintendent provided the Staff Report.

The current mowers are 2014 John Deere Z930M EFI with anywhere between 421-92 hours on them. The warranties were three years on these machines. The City will continue to use them until the new ones are received. The plan is to sell all eight of the mowers that are three years old on Govdeals.com, and expect to receive about \$40,000 or even more for them.

Commissioner Martin raised several questions concerning the cost and the options listed. Mr. Brookhart explained the reason. Cynthia Holtzapfle Assistant City Manager/Finance Director also provided additional information on the costs.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt to table Resolution No. R-42-17 at this time to receive additional information on the costs.

RES. NO. R-43-17

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Lebanon Ford for the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles and two Ford Police Interceptor Sedans

Tom Steiner, Deputy Chief of Police provided the Staff Report.

In the Fall of 2013 the Police Department started a strategic fleet replacement plan. The addition of four units in 2017 will continue the planned replacement by replacing the final marked units that were in the fleet prior to 2013 and two 2003 model year unmarked units. In 2015 and 2016 the city purchased an unmarked Ford Police Sedan each year to begin replacement of 2003 model year vehicles used by detectives and administrative staff. All four vehicles will be purchased through the State Bid Contract through Statewide Ford, stated Deputy Chief Steiner.

Commissioners asked several questions which were answered by Deputy Chief Steiner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-43-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-43-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Hinds, Vogt, Martin, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-43-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-44-17

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to the KE Rose Company for purchase and installation of specialized equipment in Police vehicles

Tom Steiner, Deputy Chief of Police provided the Staff Report.

An Open bid was put out for up-fitting the vehicles in a substantially similar manner as the previous year's equipment up-fit. KE Rose submitted the lowest bid at \$25,924.00 The Police Department has been very satisfied with the workmanship and service provided by KE Rose on their previous vehicles and recommends KE Rose.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-44-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vogt, that Resolution No. R-44-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hinds, Vogt, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried

unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-44-17 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to comment at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff stated the I Love Piqua Community Workshop held recently was very well attended, and they answered a lot of questions.

A model of the Lock 9 Park will be on display in the Municipal Government Complex and will be moved around the City in different locations for citizens to view.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Wilson thank all of the volunteers who are working on the various City Board and Committees, further stating he appreciates the coming forward. Also Commissioner Wilson asked citizens to think about possibly running for City Commission as there will be one vacant seat available.

Mayor Hinds stated if interested to contact the City Manager's Office or speak to one of the Commissioners for information on seeking a Commission seat.

Commissioner Terry she is not planning on running again in the Forth Ward, and her Commission seat will be available after twelve years. Information can be found on the city website if anyone is interested stated Commissioner Terry.

Mayor Hinds stated she will be attending the Black History Program at Edison Community College on February 28, at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Hinds announced the PPP Positively Promoting Piqua organization is presenting This, Is Piqua! on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fort Piqua Plaza and encouraged citizens to attend.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:35 P.M. Voice vote, Aye: Martin, Wilson, Terry, Vogt, and Hinds. Nay, None.

KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

PASSED: _____

ATTEST: _____
REBECCA J. COOL
CLERK OF COMMISSION