

**Nay: None.**  
**MINUTES**  
**PIQUA CITY COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, March 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, and Martin. Absent: Vogt. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin to excuse Commissioner Vogt from the March 21, 2017 Piqua City Commission Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No one came forward to speak at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**RES. NO. R-53-17**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Energy Board

**RES. NO. R-54-17**

A Resolution reappointing a member to the Housing Council

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. NO. R- 56-17- Public Hearing**

A Resolution approving the renewal application for placement of farmland in an Agricultural District by Steven H Allenbaugh & Brenda K. Allenbaugh for parcel #N44-100640 and N44-100740 in the City of Piqua

City Manager Huff, provided the Staff Report.

This comes before the City Commission every five years as a renewal for the placement of property in an agricultural district and devoted exclusively for agricultural use as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 929.02.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-56-17

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to close the Public Hearing. Voice vote, Aye, Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-56-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-56-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-57-17**

A Resolution approving the renewal application for placement of farmland in an Agricultural District by Louise I. Cromes for parcels #N44-076845, N44-077116, N44-077120, and N44-N44-099300 in the City of Piqua

City Manager Huff, provided the Staff Report.

This comes before the City Commission every five years as a renewal for the placement of property in an agricultural district and devoted exclusively for agricultural use as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 929.02.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-57-17

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to close the Public Hearing. Voice vote, Aye, Terry Hinds, Wilson, and Martin, Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-57-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-57-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R- 58-17**

A Resolution approving the renewal application for placement of farmland in an Agricultural District by James A. Hiegel for parcel #N44-095820 in the City of Piqua

City Manager Huff, provided the Staff Report.

This comes before the City Commission every five years as a renewal for the placement of property in an agricultural district and devoted exclusively for agricultural use as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 929.02.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-58-17

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin to close the Public Hearing. Voice vote, Aye, Terry Hinds, Wilson, and Martin, Nay, None.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Martin that Resolution No. R-58-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-58-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-59-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to permit the usage of a portion of Fountain Park by the Miami Valley Corvette Club

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The Miami Valley Corvette Club has requested the use of Fountain Park for a car show. The event will be open to the public and the display area will primarily occupy a shaded grassy area between the dining hall and Hance Pavilion.

**Public Comment**

Steve Greggerson, President of Miami Valley Corvette Club, came forward and provided additional information on their request for the use of Fountain Park for the car show.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-59-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Hinds, Martin, Wilson, and Terry. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-59-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-60-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to permit the usage of a portion Lock Nine Park and Linear Park to Mainstreet Piqua

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The event organizers of Down a River Down a Beer- Recreational Trail Celebration collaborates with local supporters to organize and provide a quality outdoor beer and food tasting event that offers an opportunity to experience and or witness canoeing, kayaking, and stand up paddle boarding on the Great Miami River Water Trail, and demonstration of cycling equipment on the recreational trail.

Lock Nine will be going thru some changes this year but the event will still be held.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Jim Burkhardt, applicant for Down the River, Down a Beer came forward and provided additional information on the event. Mr. Burkhardt added there will be quite a variety of beers for tasting, further stating wine will also be available.

Commissioner Wilson asked several questions regarding the event with all questions answered.

Mayor Hinds stated it is wonderful to see all the people outside the community attend, and have other communities talk about this event.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-60-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-60-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-61-17**

A Resolution authorizing a contract with Gamble Associates Architecture + Urban Planning to perform Professional Design Services for the Lock Nine Park Renaissance project

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

The redesign of the Lock Nine Park area to be a signature public space is identified as a key catalytic action in the Piqua Riverfront District Development Strategy. Gamble Associates Architecture + Urban Planning completed the design development work and the initial phase of preparing the construction drawings and specifications for the Lock Nine Renaissance Project.

David Gamble, Architect, Urban Planner for Gamble Associates came forward and provided additional information regarding the project. Mr. Gamble pointed out several of the designs in the Model of the Lock Nine Park Area that was sitting in the front of the Commission Chambers.

Kristen Booker, of Gamble Associate also provided additional information the project stating part of the Lock will be revealed and explained the various area on the model.

Some of the design elements include unearthing and exposing the historic canal, terracing part of the park area, upper and lower water interactive features. The Bike Path will also be enhanced to provide better connection and access to the downtown, stated Mr. Gamble.

Commissioners asked several questions regarding the Bike Path, the river bank area, bike access, and various other questions relating to the project. Mr. Gamble and City Manager Huff answered all questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. 61-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-61-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Hinds, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-61-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R 62-17**

A Resolution requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. to perform engineering detail design work on the Wastewater Pump Stations

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

This is the next step needed before the updating/construction phase(s) of the wastewater lift stations. They include Miami Valley Centre Mall Pump Station, Orchard Drive Pump Station, Maplewood Drive Pump Station, Candlewood Pump Station, and Stratford Drive Pump Station. If approved as they complete the detailed design, they will continue to pursue a grant and/or loan through the Ohio Public Works Commission. These are all aging pump stations and need to be updated, stated Mr. Melvin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-62-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Martin that Resolution No. R-62-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Martin, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-62-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-63-17**

An Emergency Resolution requesting authorization to purchase the real property and building(s) located at 9480 N. State Route 66, Parcel No. M40-046700, payable to Miami County Sheriff's Office, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Don Freisthler, Water System Superintendent, provided the Staff Report.

In September 2014 the Commission passed Resolution No. R-94-14 to purchase the property located at 9500 N. St. Rt. 66. The property at 9480 N. St. Rt. 66 is adjacent to this property and has been abandoned for quite some time. The Miami County Treasurer has a foreclosure action against the property in the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, and the property was ordered to be sold at Sheriff's Sale on March 29, 2017. This will give the City full ownership of the entire low area just north of the existing water plant. This an emergency Resolution because of the date of the Sheriff sale on March 29, 2017, stated Mr. Freisthler.

Commissioners asked several questions; Mr. Freisthler and City Manager Huff answered all questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-63-17.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-63-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Wilson, Terry, Hinds, and Martin. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-63-17 adopted.

**RES. NO. R-64-17**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to join litigation to challenge Substitute Senate Bill 331

City Manager Huff provided the Staff Report.

Substitute Senate Bill 331 will allow telecommunication companies to place small cell towers anywhere within the public right of way of municipalities without any oversight from the local government. Cities will have to provide the telecommunication companies access to city-owned poles and other structures in the public right of way without having to follow any guidelines in regards to aesthetics or safety. Substitute Senate Bill 331 became effective on Tuesday. City Manager Huff stated the city is not opposed to telecommunication companies locating their small cell towers or poles within the city, but the city would like to be able to work with those companies and establish guidelines.

Law Director Stacy Wall provided additional information regarding Substitute Senate Bill 331. There are 39 communities so far in litigation.

**Public Comment**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-64-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, that Resolution No. R-64-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Martin, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-64-17 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-52-17 at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-52-17 be adopted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Wilson, Terry, and Hinds. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-52-17 adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ruth Koon, Chairman of the Mainstreet Beautification Committee came forward and asked for the City Commissions blessings to start a committee to focus on the grassy slopes on US Route 36/Ash Street on the way into town. "I think it is important on (US Route 36) that we look our best", stated Mrs. Koon.

Mayor Hinds thanked Mrs. Koon for her plan to work on the Route 36 area.

**City Manager's Report**

City Manager Huff introduces two new City Employees. Britney Van Horn, Public Relations Coordinator providing a brief overview of her responsibilities. Skye Schelle, Water Resource Coordinator and provided a brief overview of his responsibilities. City Manager Huff welcomed both to the City Staff.

City Manager Huff stated they are working the repairs and removal of the raccoons at the Hance Pavilion.

City Manager Huff stated the transfer of the ownership of the WOTVC has been completed from the City to the Piqua City Schools.

City Manager Huff stated the city is moving forward on the Solar Power Panels being installed to benefit the City's power output.

**Commissioners Comments**

Mayor Hinds stated she is extending her thoughts and prayers to the family of Robert Shook who passed away. Mr. Shook was very instrumental in many activities in Miami County and will be missed.

Mayor Hinds reminded citizens the weather is getting nice, and there people are getting out biking and walking in the community, and to watch for them.

Mayor Hinds also announced a new law was passed recently on passing bicyclist stating there should be three feet between the bike and the auto when passing.

Mayor Hinds thanked Can't Stop Running for hosting the Beer Run on March 17, 2017. There were over 400 people who participated in the run, and over 650 were registered. Mayor Hinds also thanked the Police Department for their support.

Mayor Hinds there will be a meeting in the future to talk about filling the vacant shops on Mainstreet, and encouraged citizens to attend the Small Business Workshop coming up on March 28.

Mayor Hinds announced she will be speaking at the River Summit in Dayton on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mayor Hinds stated there will be an Active Living Champion Meeting on March 29, at 4:00 P. M. in the Piqua Commission Chambers and encouraged citizens to attend.

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

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KATHRYN B. HINDS, MAYOR

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

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