

MINUTES
PIQUA CITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 2, 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

Proclamation - National Bike Month

Mayor Hinds read the proclamation proclaiming May as Bike Piqua Month in the City of Piqua, and presented it Mike & Elizabeth Gutmann, Jim Hemmert, and Jeff Lange members of Bike Piqua.

Mayor Hinds provided dates for the annual Blessing of the Bikes by local Churches.

Mayor Hinds also announced the Bike Rodeo to be held on Saturday May 13, at Washington School. Creating bicycle-friendly communities has shown to improve citizen's health, well-being, quality of life, boosts community spirit, improves traffic safety, reduces pollution and congestion in the community.

Jeff Lange provided some statistics on the use of the Bike Path by walkers and bicyclists from April 2016 through April 2017. There were 30,000 pedestrians, and 20,000 cyclist that used the Bike Path during that period of time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Regular Piqua City Commission Meeting

RES. NO. R 78-17

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of Robert John Hanselman as a City Employee

Mayor Hinds read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Hanselman.

RES. No. R-79-17

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Public Service of James William Stein as a City Employee

Mayor Hinds read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Stein.

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

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. NO. 4-17 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 154 Zoning of the Piqua Codified Ordinances and creating Section 154.029 Prohibited Use

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, provided the Staff Report.

Mr. Schmiesing provided background information on the new Code Section, and introduced Jim Oda, Piqua Planning Commission Chairman who provided information that the Planning Commission discussed and recommended. The Board's decision was to recommend a zoning prohibition at this time. We can change our mind, stated Mr. Oda but here is the opportunity to say no.

Mr. Schmiesing also introduced Dr. James Burkhardt, a local Physician who provided information on the medical side of the use of medical marijuana.

Commissioners asked various questions regarding the different rules and regulations that the City will have to follow once the State makes their decision.

Law Director Stacy Wall provided additional information on what some of the other communities have adopted, and including how the marijuana will be regulated and if it will be considered an approved drug by the FDA.

Public Comment

A Harney Drive resident came forward and provide her input and voiced her opinion on allowing medical marijuana in the City of Piqua.

After a lengthy discussion Ordinance No, 4-17 was given a second reading.

RES. NO. R-76-17 Tabled on 4-18-17)

A Resolution authorizing a purchase order to Walt Sweeney Ford, Inc. for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the Underground Utilities Department

There was discussion on bringing the Resolution back to the table, but it was decided to create a new resolution and to leave this one on the table at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to leave Resolution No. R-76-17 tabled at this time, and to have a new resolution drafted. Voice vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-76-17 still tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

RES. NO. R-80-17

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of Parcel N44-001920 and N44-001250

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner provided the Staff Report.

The subject property is identified by the Downtown Placemaking Initiative for redevelopment as parking to serve the public. Acquiring this property builds upon prior activities aimed toward advancing the Downtown Riverfront Development Strategy. The current vacant lot will be redeveloped with public parking facilities that will support downtown business and the citizens.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-80-17.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that Resolution No. R-80 17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Vogt, Martin, Terry, Hinds, and Wilson. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-80-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R- 81-17

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of Parcel No. N44-099460

Ed Krieger, Power System Director, provided the Staff Report.

This is Phase 2 of the Solar Project and it is necessary to purchase this property to move forward.

This parcel is 5.459 acres located on Staunton Rd., stated Mr. Krieger. The City will purchase the property in the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand and Five Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$109,590.00)

There was discussion on the purchase of the property, if it was purchased at fair market value, where the property is located, and what the next step is after purchasing the property.

Public Comment

No one came forward to speak for or against Resolution No. R-81-17.

Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-81-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Martin, Terry, Wilson, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-81-17 adopted.

RES. NO. R-82-17

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LJB Inc. for the engineering design services for the Great Miami River Pedestrian Bridge project

Amy Havenar, City Engineer provided the Staff Report.

In 2008 the City completed the construction of the Great Miami River Recreational Trail (GMRRT) Project which begins at Lock 9 Park and runs south along the Great Miami River to Peterson Road. The existing utility bridge is located behind the Power Plant. At that time the funding received to complete project did not afford the City the ability to replace the existing utility bridge with an ADA compliant structure. LBJ was hired to complete a load rating on the structure, repairs were made to the structure to ensure the safety of pedestrians, but it was still not ADA compliant. In 2015, LJB completed a study and developed options which included replacing the structure with an ADA compliant structure at the same location or constructing a new structure south of the location near Goodrich Giles Park. The City decided to pursue the option of construction a new bridge near Goodrich Giles Park along CR 25A.

This legislation will allow the City to complete the design, the right-of-way plan development, and the environmental of the new structure if funding should become available for construction.

The City is actively pursuing grant money to fund the replacement of this structure. The construction cost is estimated at this time to be approximately \$1,900,000, stated Ms. Havenar.

Commissioners asked various questions regarding the price, grant funding, location of the bridge, use of emergency vehicles on the bridge,

Dan Hoying, Project Manager of LJB came forward and provided additional information, and answered questions on the bridge project.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Gutmann, came forward and thanked the City Commissioners and City Planner Chris Schmiesing for all of their support on this project.

Jim Hemmert, came forward and voiced his opinion on the new bridge, and the advantages it will provide, as it is a link to moving Piqua forward.

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Terry, that Resolution No. R-82-17 be adopted. Roll call vote, Aye: Terry, Wilson, Martin, Hinds, and Vogt. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hinds declared Resolution No. R-82-17 adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak at this time.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Huff announced the Health Department received a \$10,000 Litter Grant from the Ohio EPA to help with the purchase of supplies for the Community Day Clean-up Project.

The Riverfront Development Project was highlighted in the Miami Conservancy District 2017 Annual Report.

The City hired a new Human Resources Director to replace Elaine Barton, who will be retiring on June 2, 2017. Catherine Bogan begins work on May 26, and comes to the City with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the public sector of Human Resource Management.

There will be a City Commission Worksession held on May 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers. An update on the Wastewater Treat Plant will be presented.

The employee GIVE Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Piqua High School Backpack Program.

May 14-20, 2017 is National Police Week.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Vogt congratulated the two retirees John Hanselman and Jim Stein on their years of service to the City and citizens of Piqua.

Commissioner Martin also congratulated the two retirees John Hanselman and Jim Stein on their years of service to the City and citizens of Piqua. Also all of the great things happening on the Bike Path it will make Piqua a destination to stop at.

Commissioner Wilson also congratulated both of the retirees, stating between them the city is losing 55 years of experience.

Commissioner Wilson also reminded citizens of the Commission Workshop to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in the Commission Chambers at 4:00 P.M., sponsored by the City of Piqua and Positively Promoting Piqua. Anyone interested in running for the open Commission seats in the 3rd and 4th Ward are welcome to attend to learn more about the process and answer questions.

Commissioner Terry congratulated the two retirees and wished them the best in their retirement.

The Piqua Community Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Mayor Hinds congratulated Paula Schmiesing on being named "Teacher of the Year" by the Piqua City Schools. It is wonderful to be honored by the people who work with you.

On May 3, the Mayor will be attending the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Troy at 12:00 on the Public Square, and encouraged citizens to attend. We honor our Law Enforcement Officers the first Wednesday in May each year.

Mayor Hinds along with Chris Schmiesing will be attending the Cycling Summit held at Wright State University on Friday, May 5, 2017.

Mayor Hinds announced the first "Walk with the Mayor" will be held on May 15 at 5:30 and will begin at Mote Park Community Center. Doug Harter and Brian Brookhart from the Public Works Department, and Amy Havenar and Bob Graeser from the Engineering Department will be joining the walk. All citizens are welcome to attend.

On May 23, at 5:30 in the Commission Chambers, the City of Piqua, Positively Promoting Piqua, and MainStreet Piqua will sponsor a Workshop on Building a Small Business. Mayor Hinds encouraged anyone wanting to start a small business or wanting to market and grow a small business to attend the free workshop.

Moved by Commissioner Vogt, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn from the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:55 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